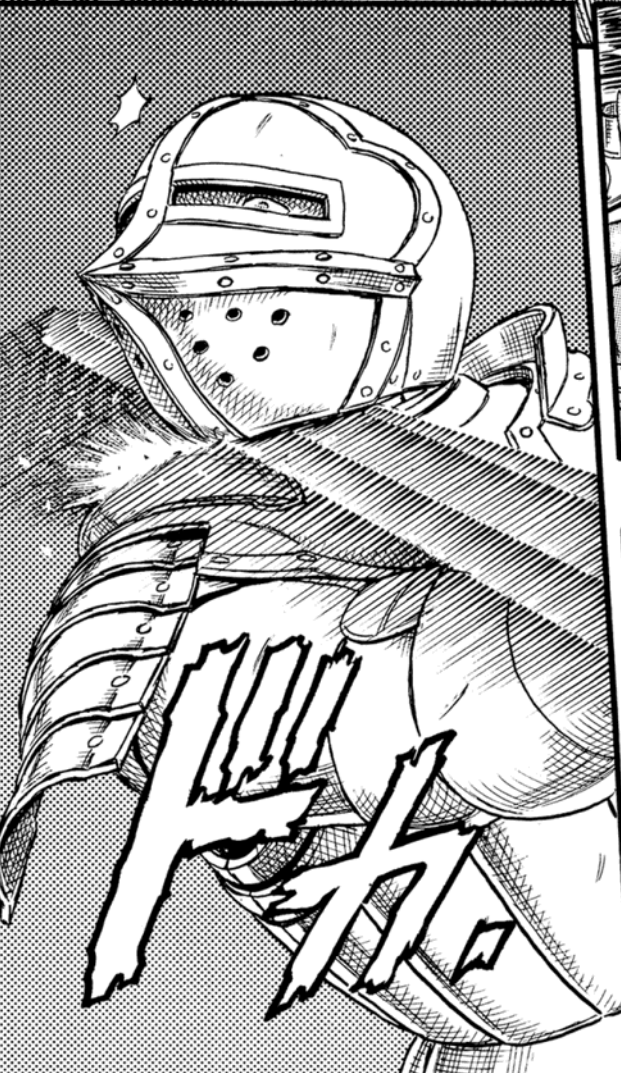
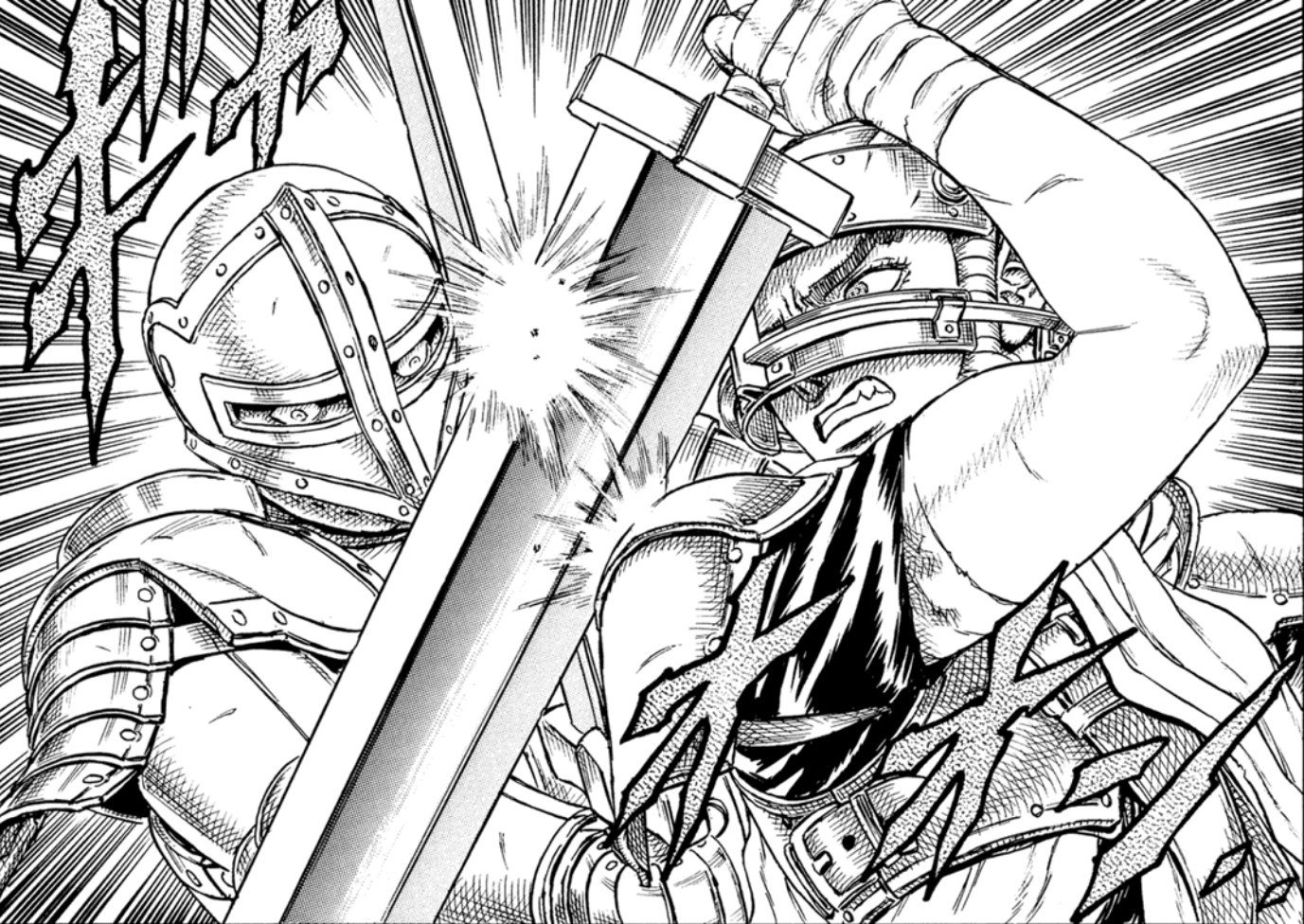
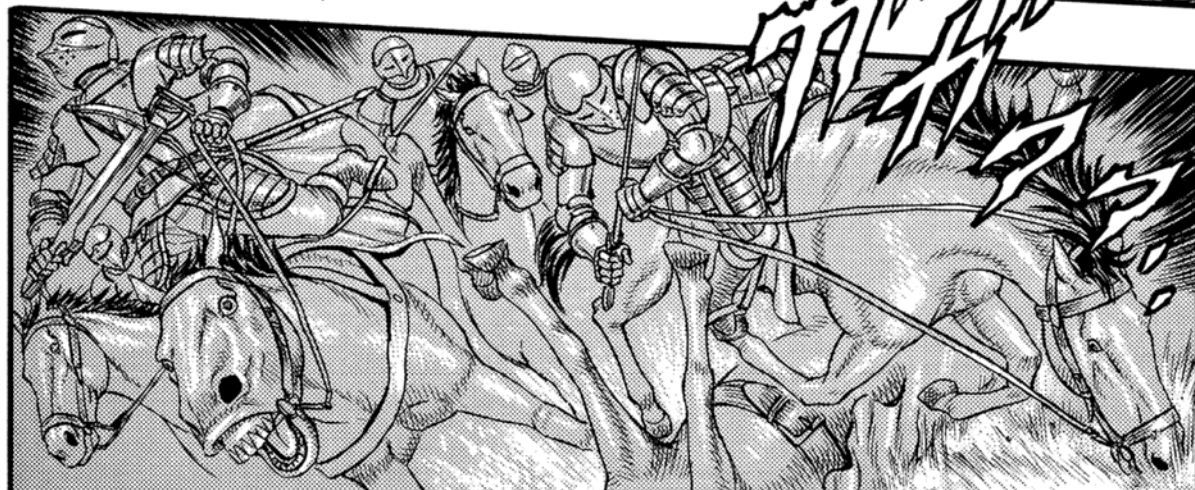
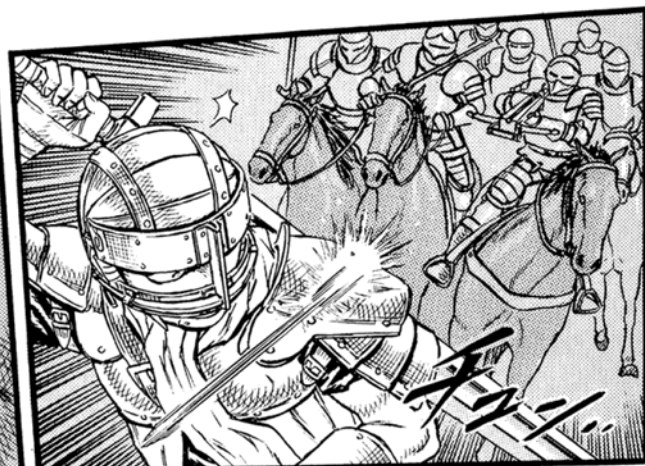
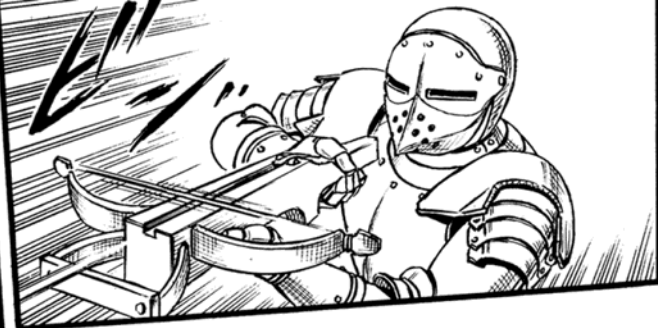
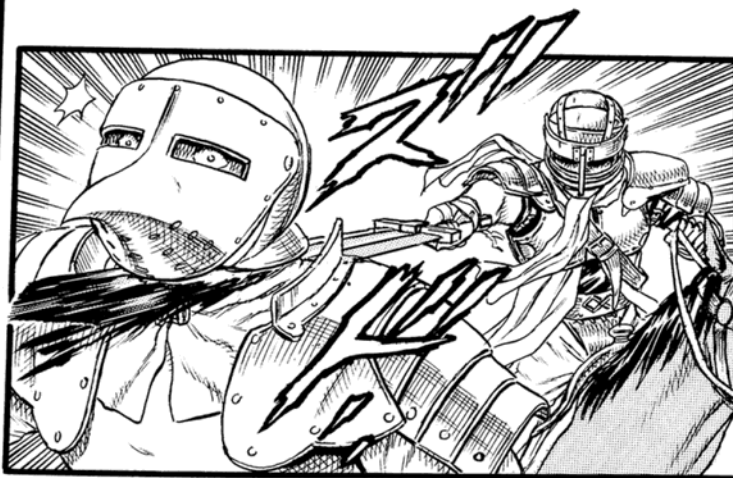
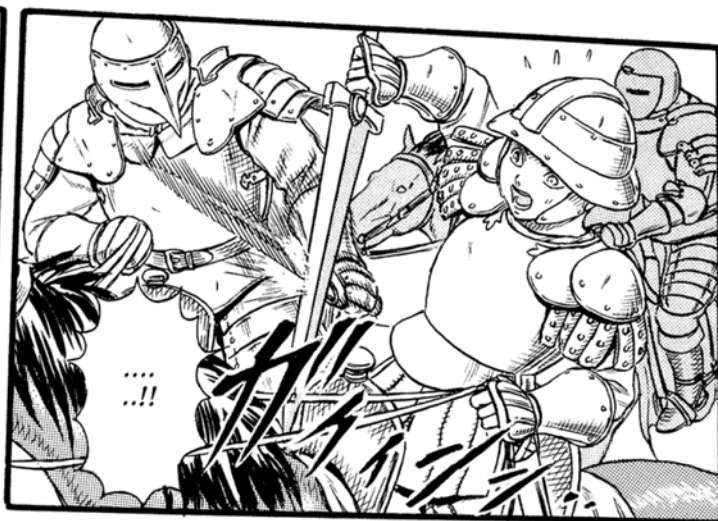
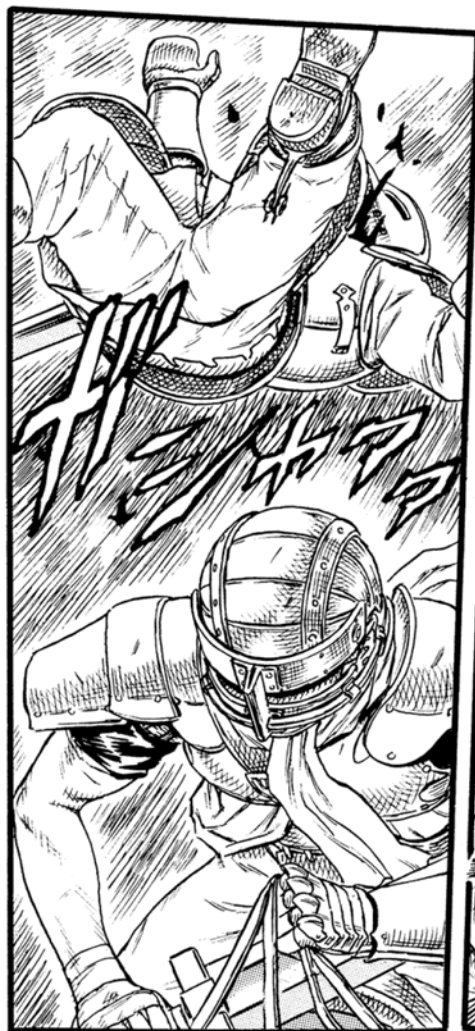
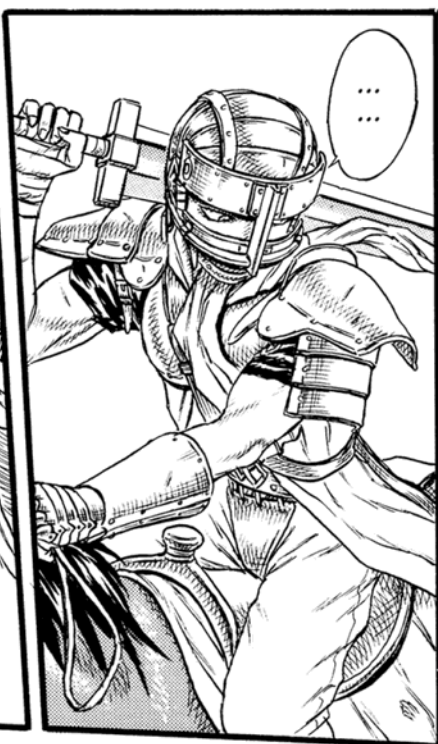
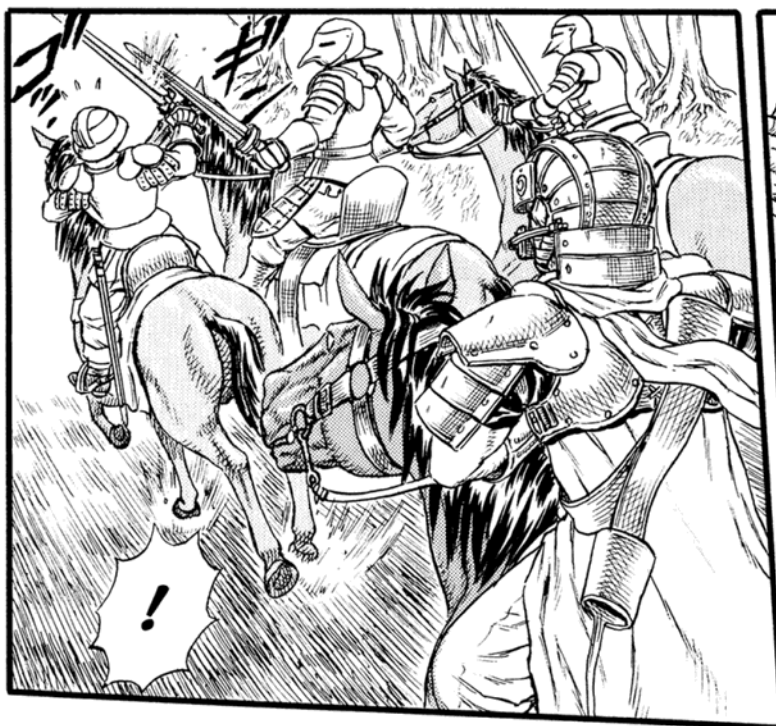
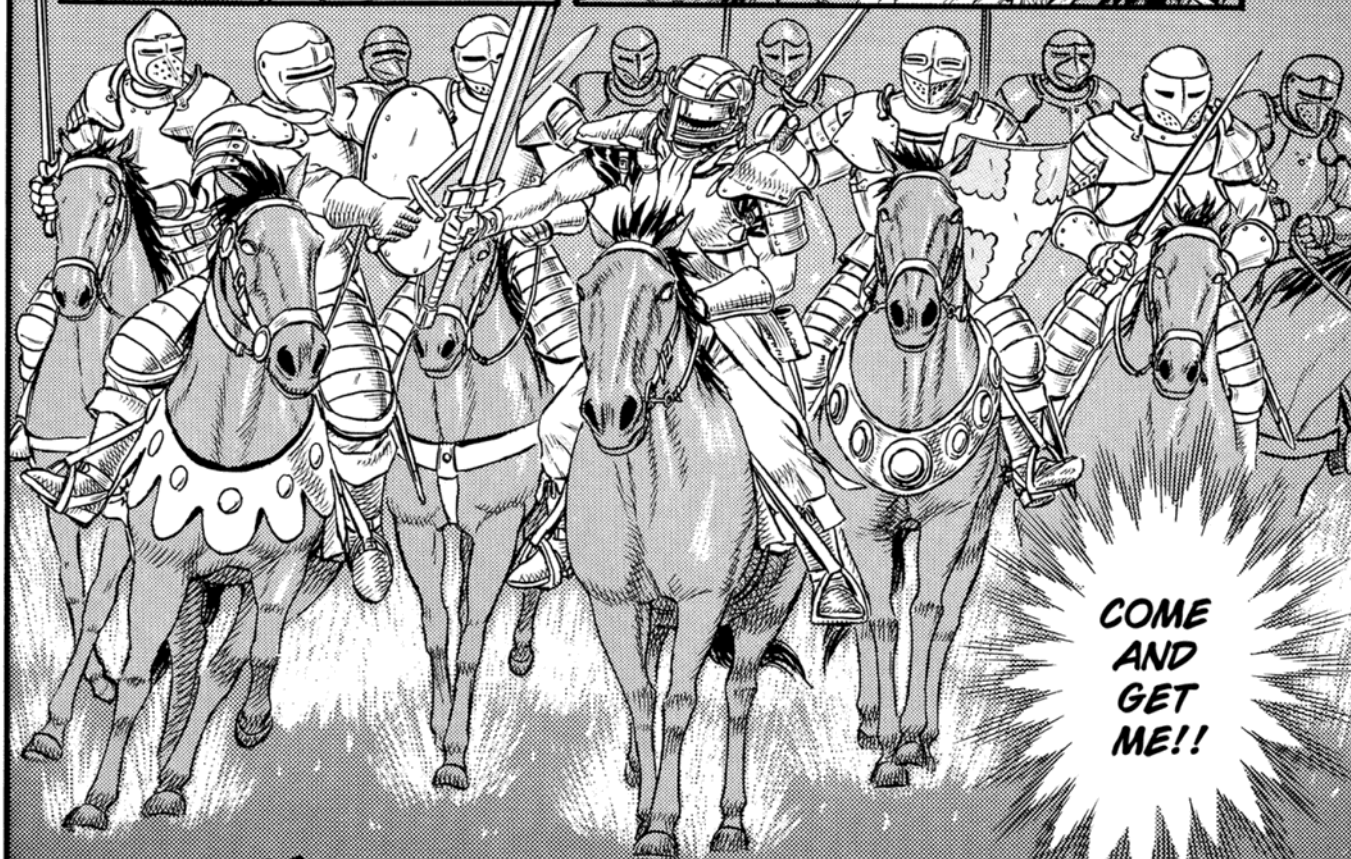
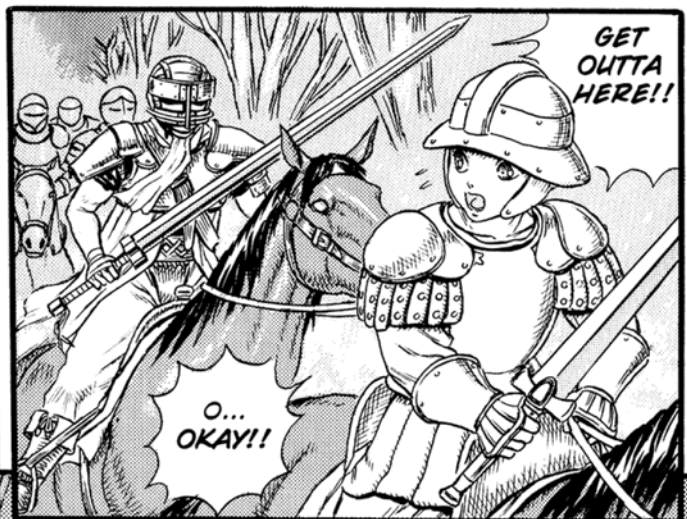
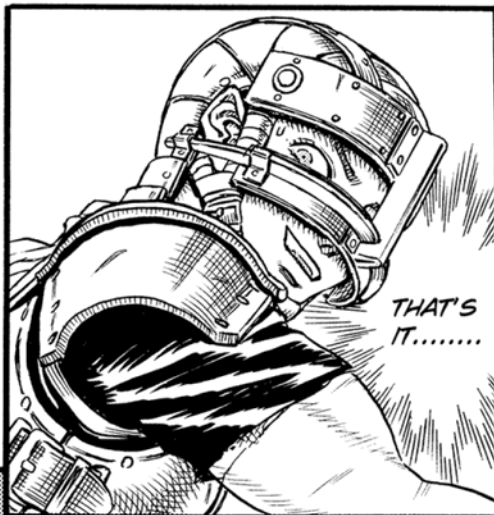
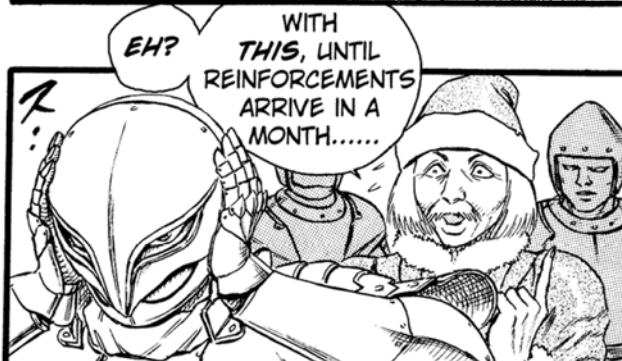
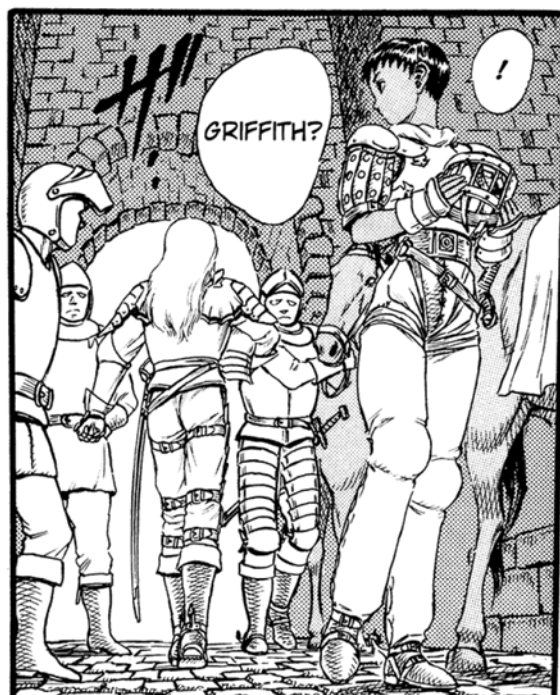
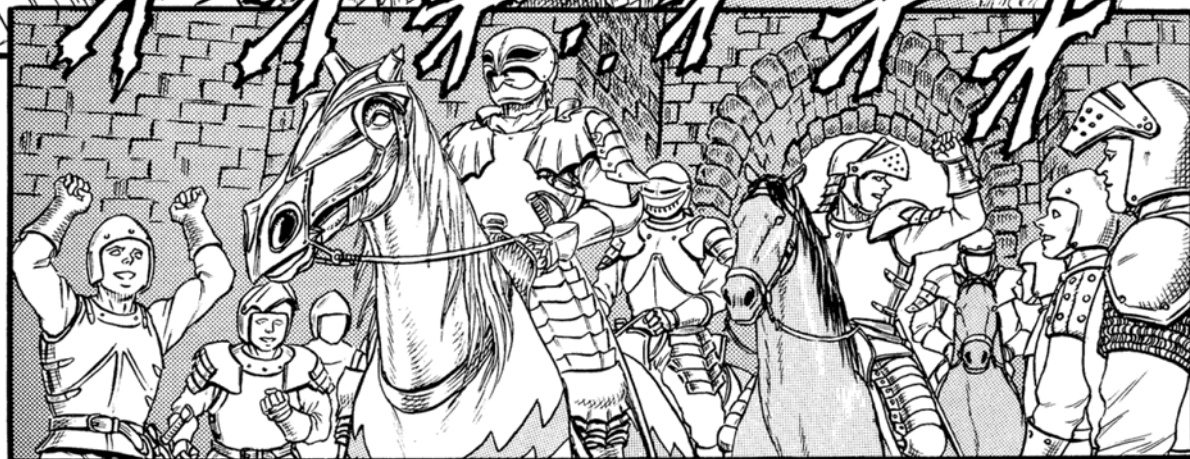
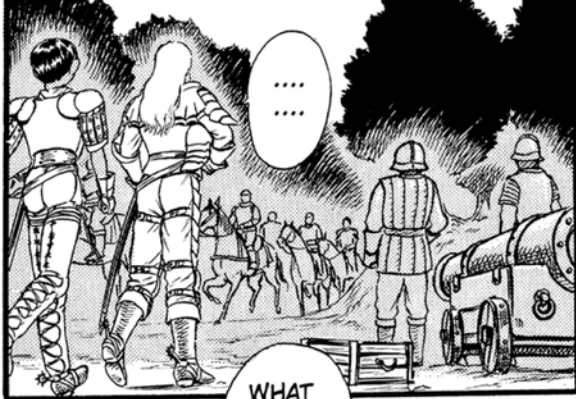












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....
WHAT
OF OUR
LOSSES?



DOESN'T
LOOK
TOO
BAD.



ON A
STRAIGHT
FOREST
PATH, SO
MANY
OPPONENTS
AT ONCE...
NOW
THAT'S
BALLSY.

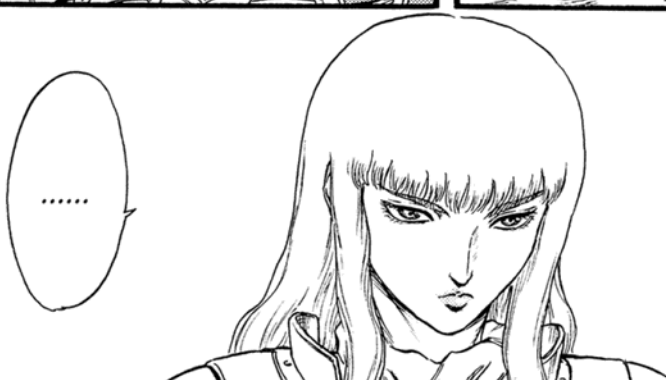
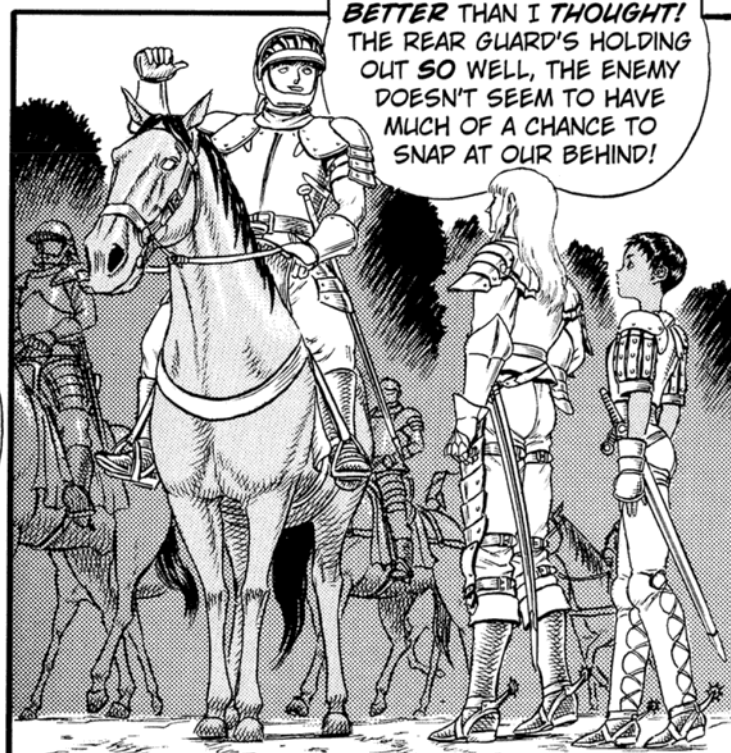


DUNNO.....I
LOST SIGHT
OF HIM. THE
BATTLE LINE
GOT TOO
STRETCHED
OUT...

WHERE
IS HE?

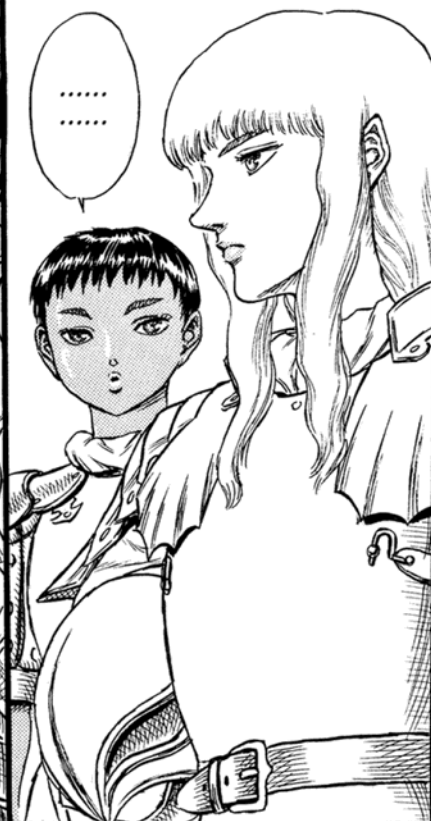


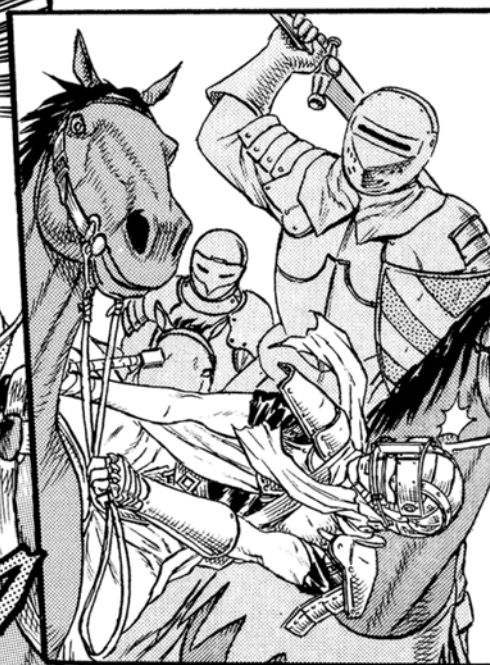
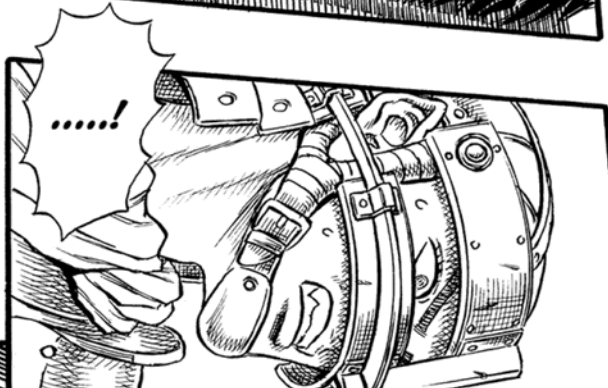
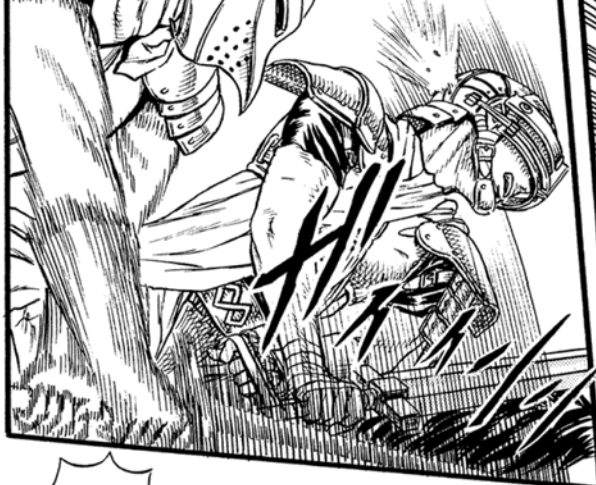
THAT NEW GUY'S DOING
BETTER THAN I THOUGHT!
THE REAR GUARD'S HOLDING
OUT SO WELL, THE ENEMY
DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE
MUCH OF A CHANCE TO
SNAP AT OUR BEHIND!

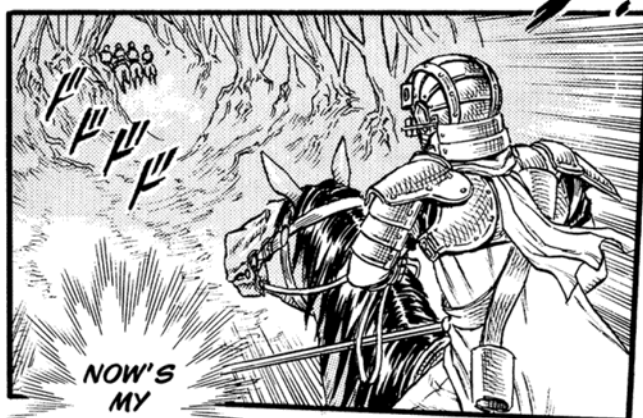
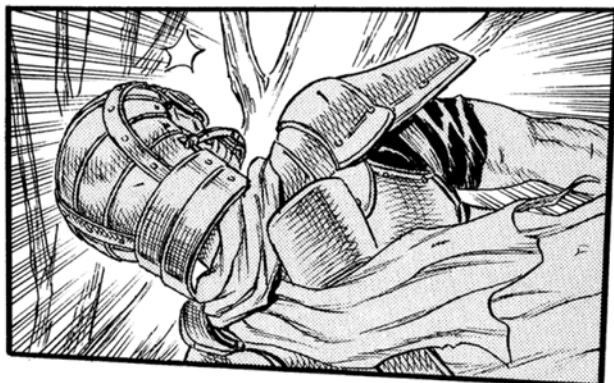


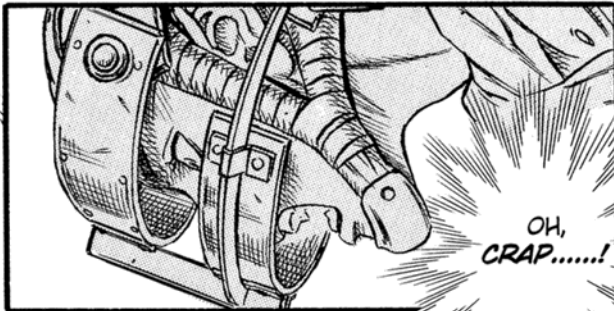
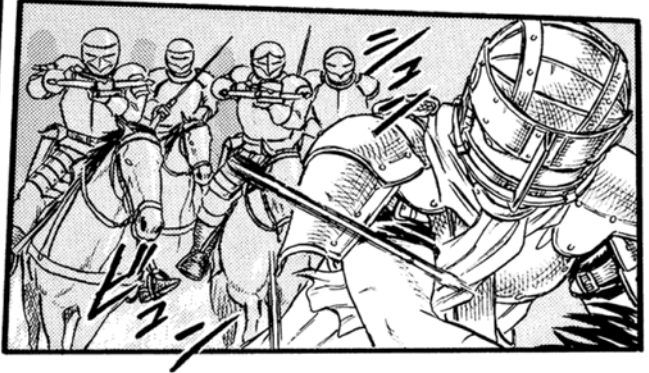
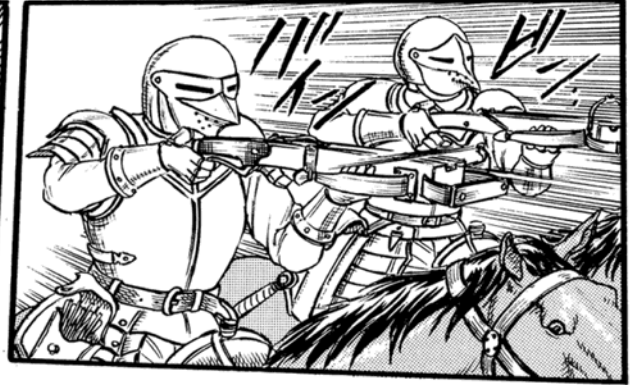
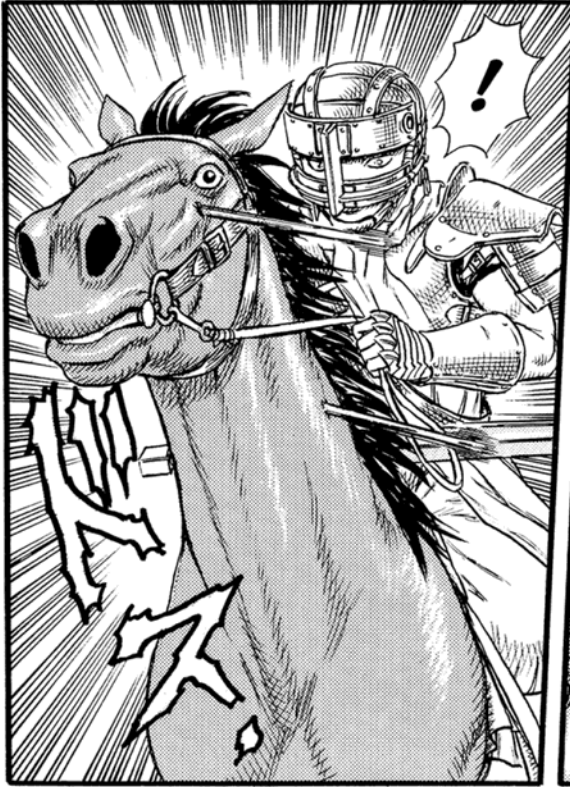
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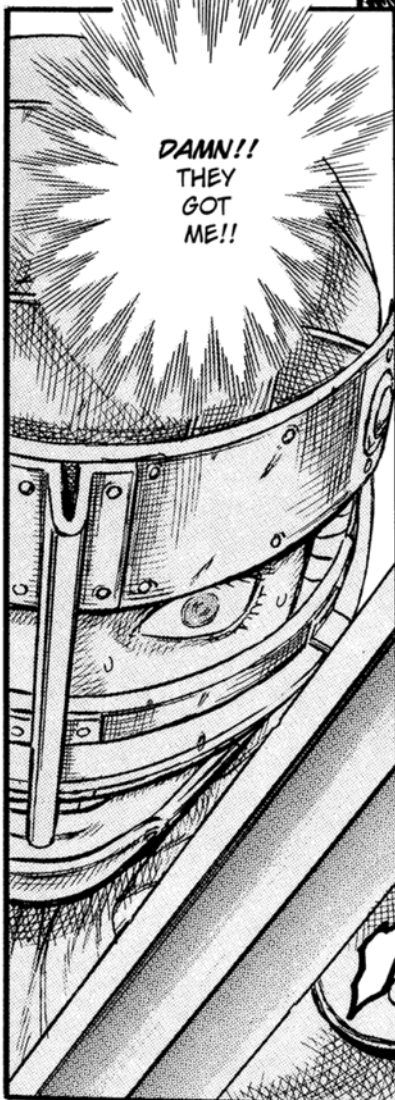
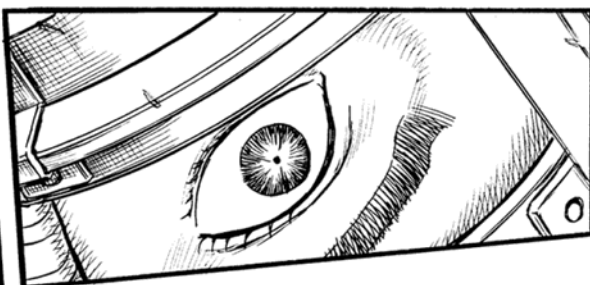
HOPEFULLY
HE DIDN'T
BUY IT,
THOUGH.

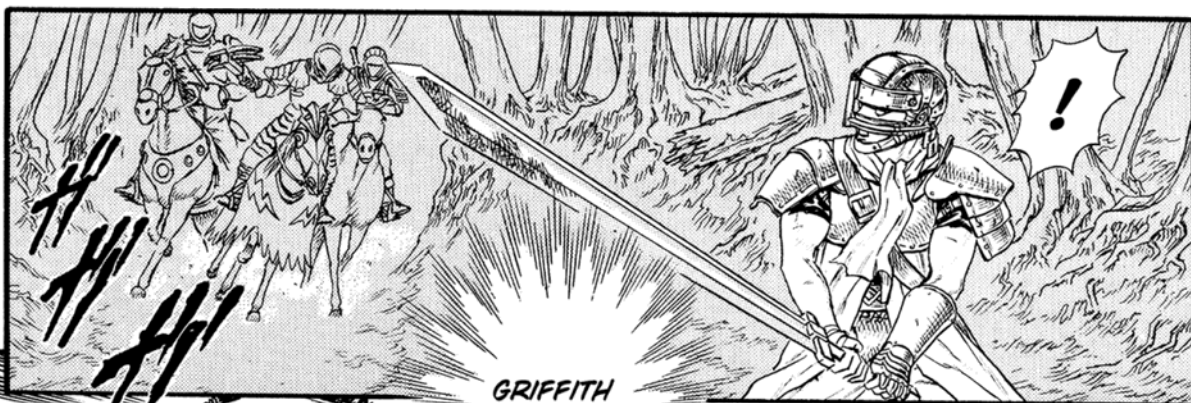
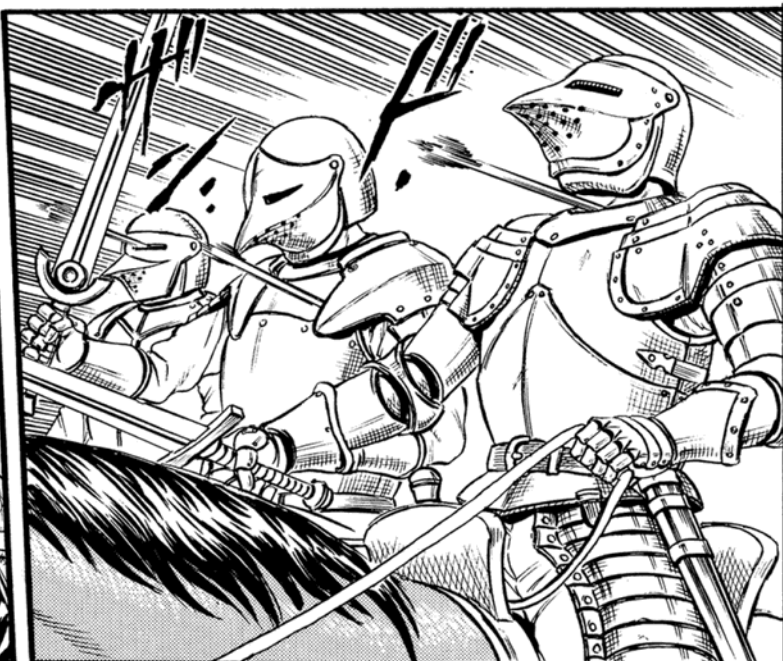
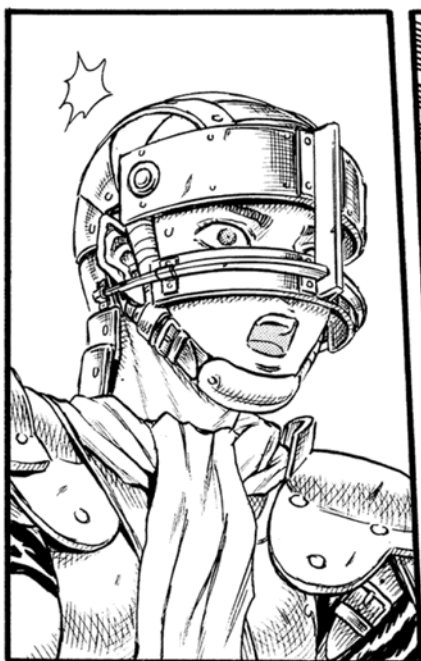






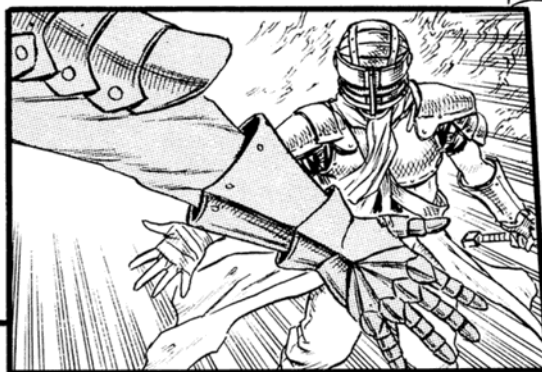
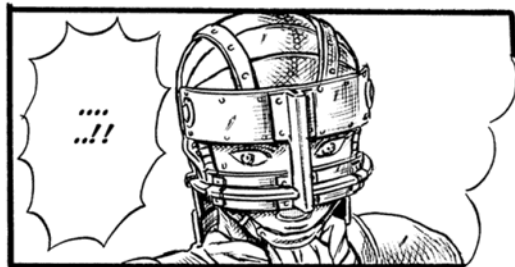


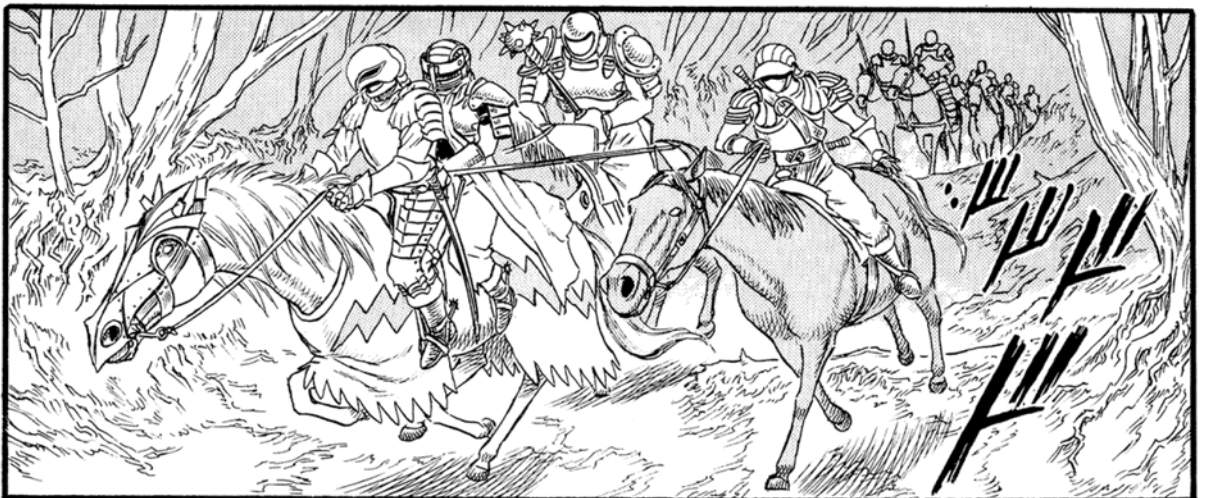
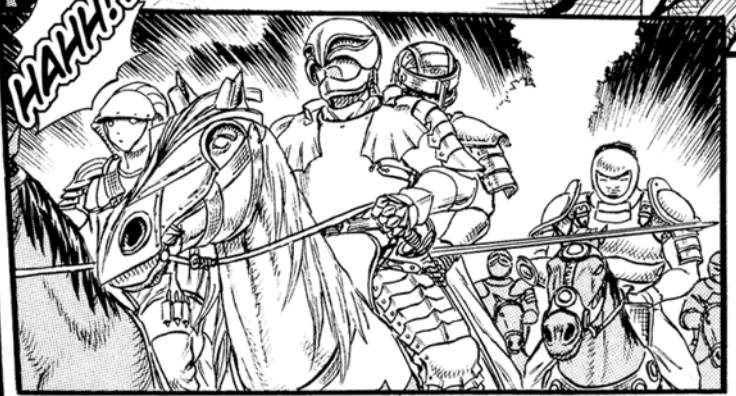
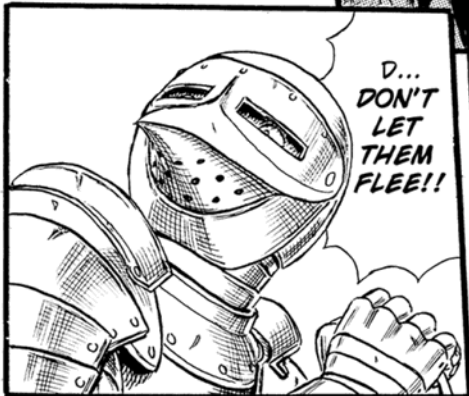


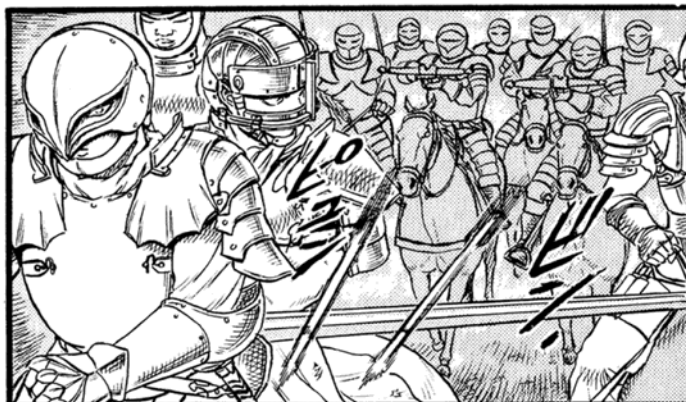
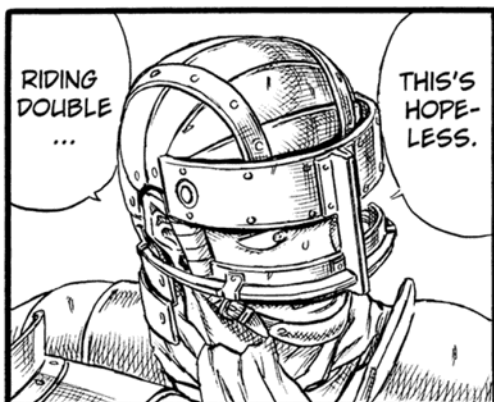
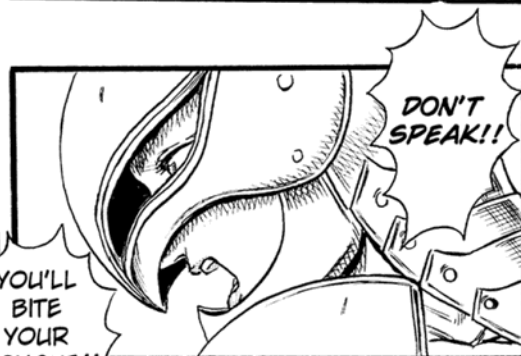
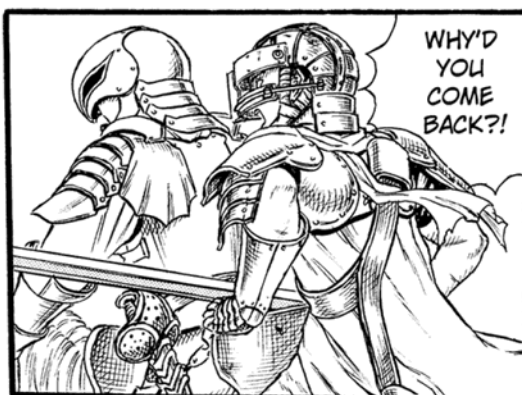
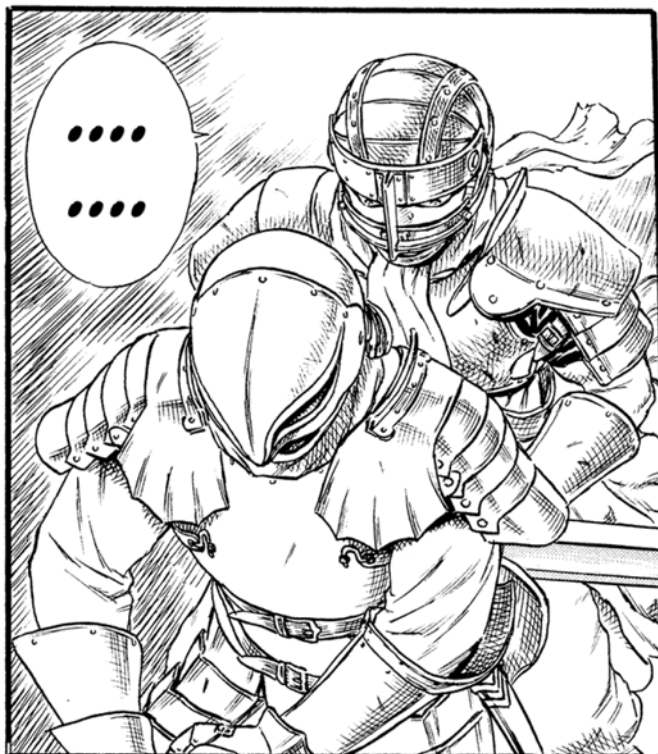


GRIFFITH
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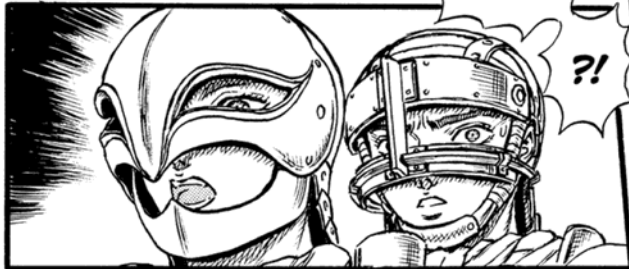




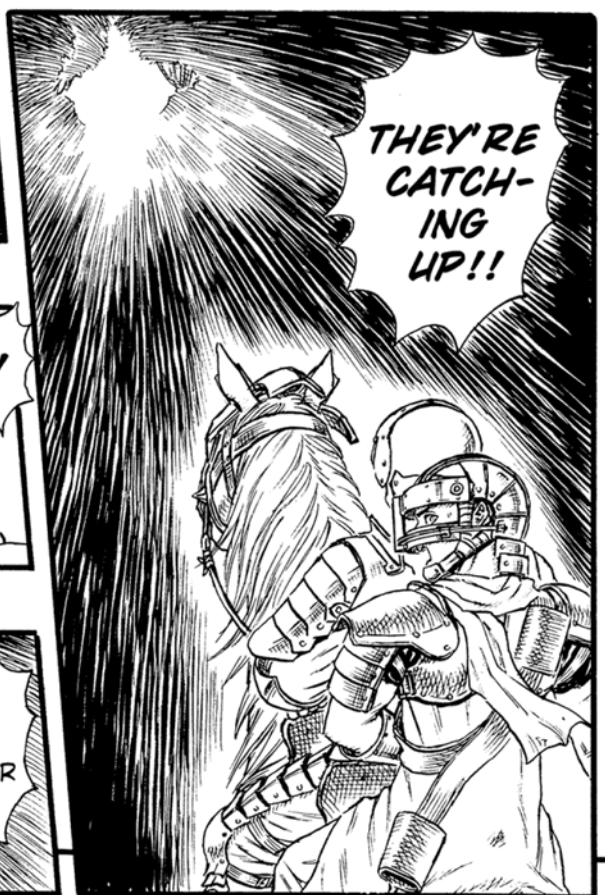




JUST
A LITTLE
MORE!!



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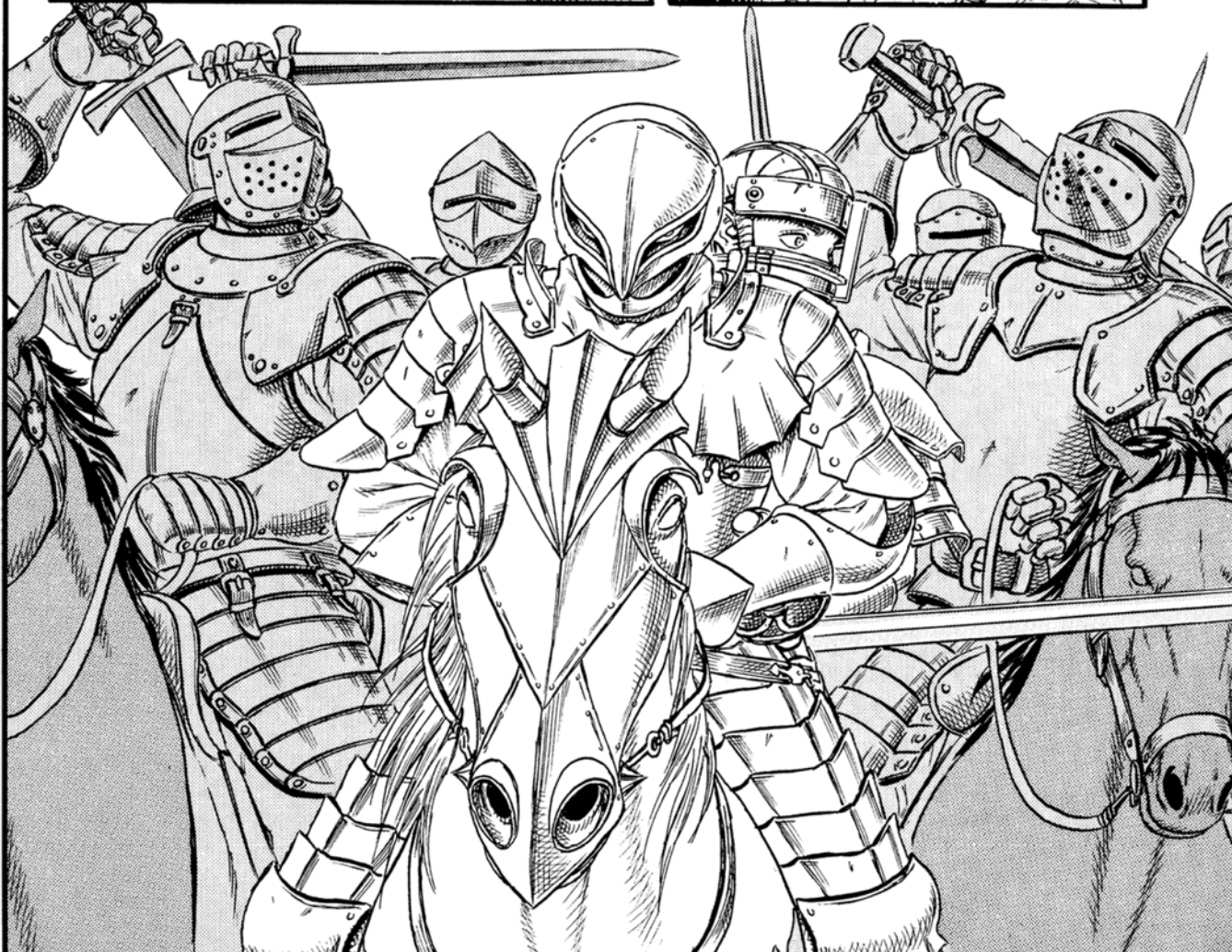


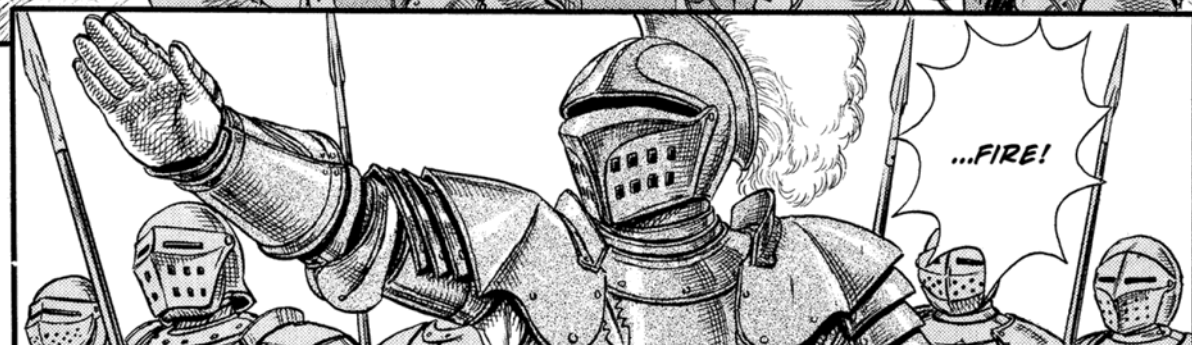
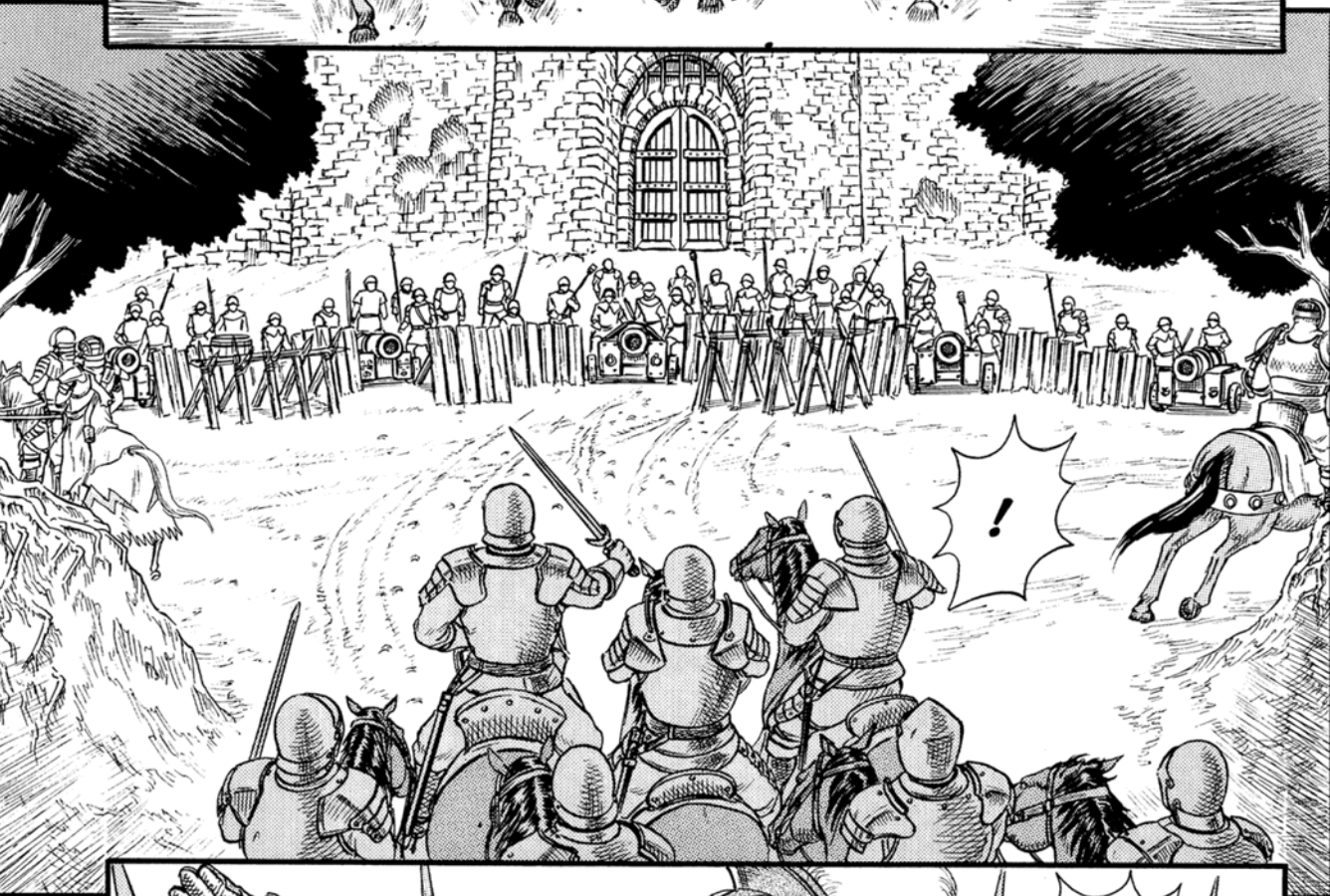
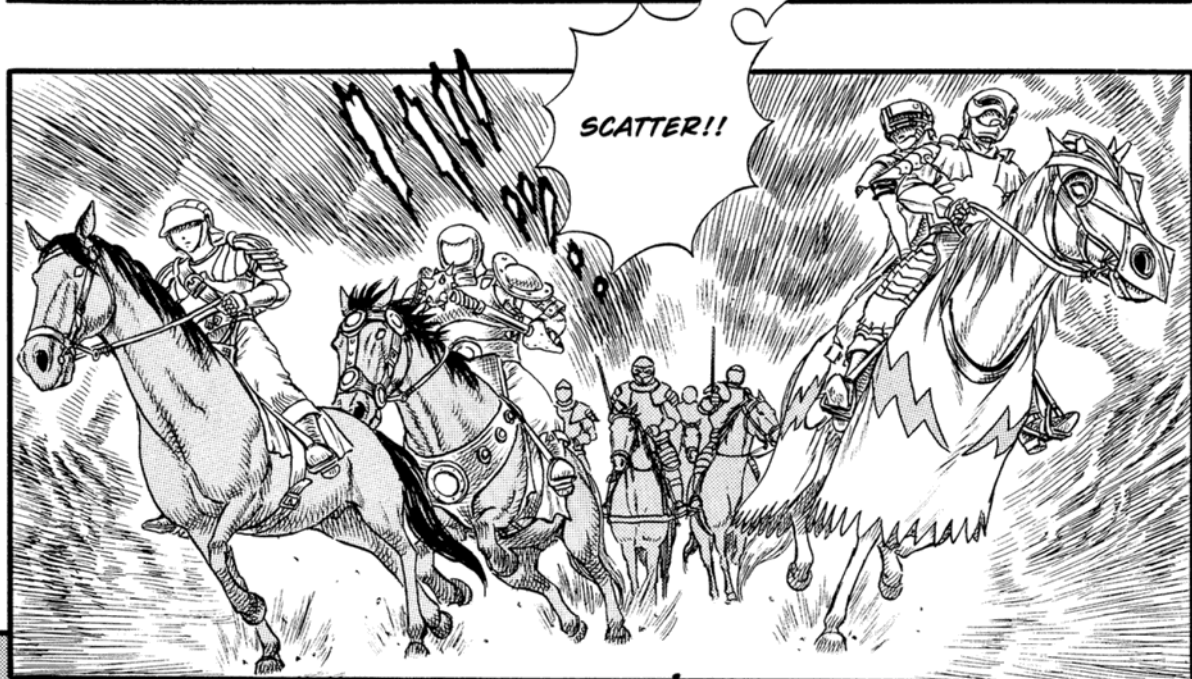
THEY'RE
CATCH-
ING
UP!!

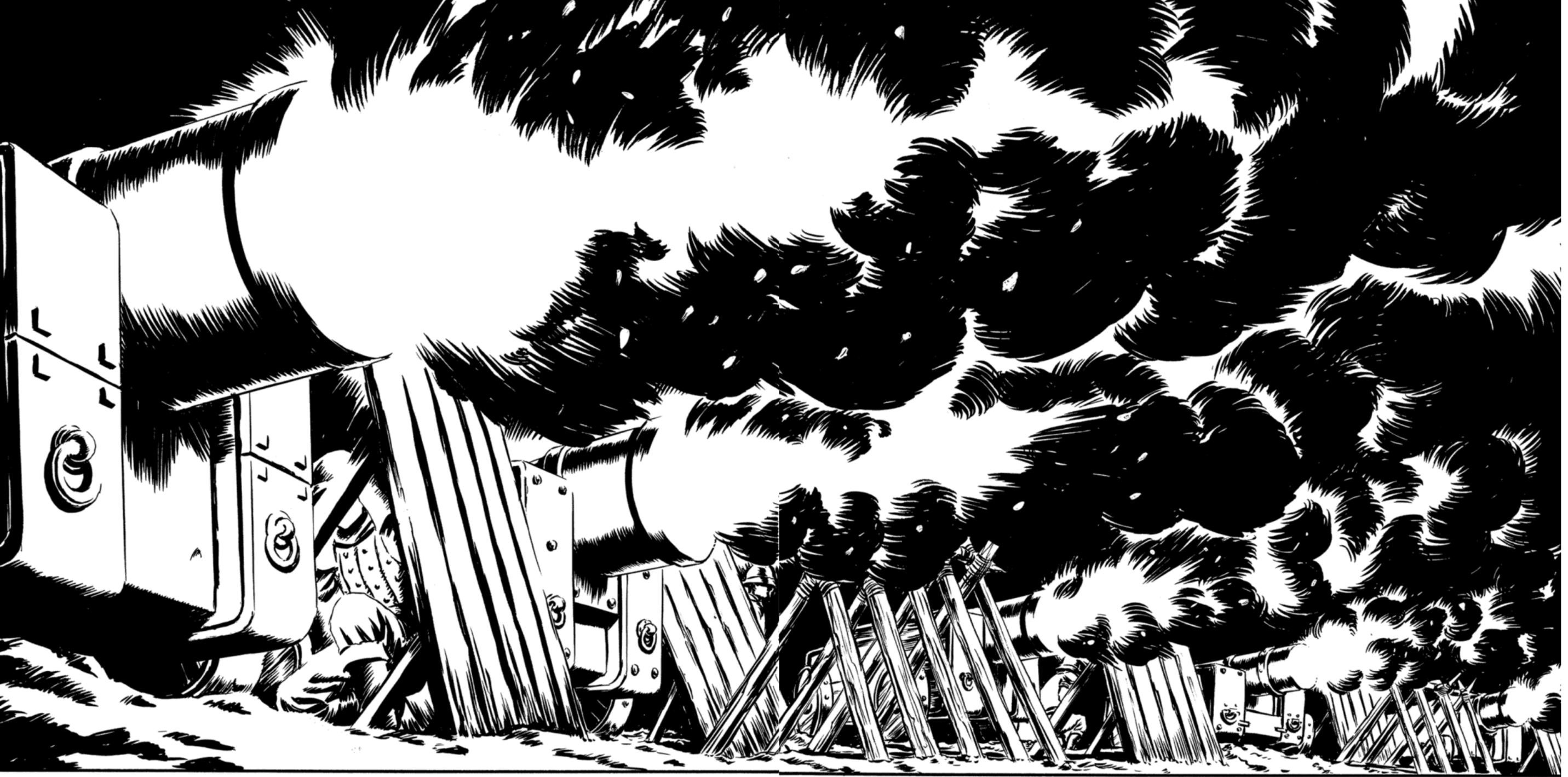


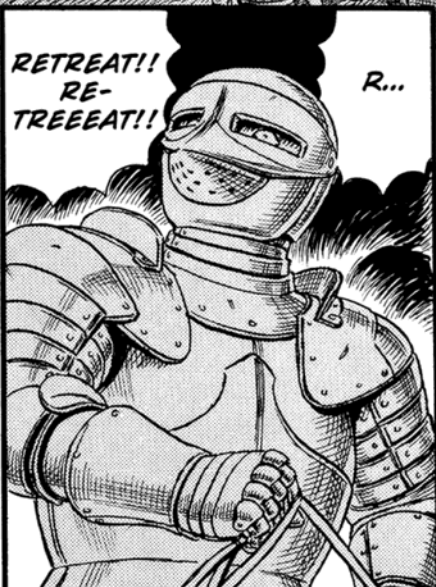
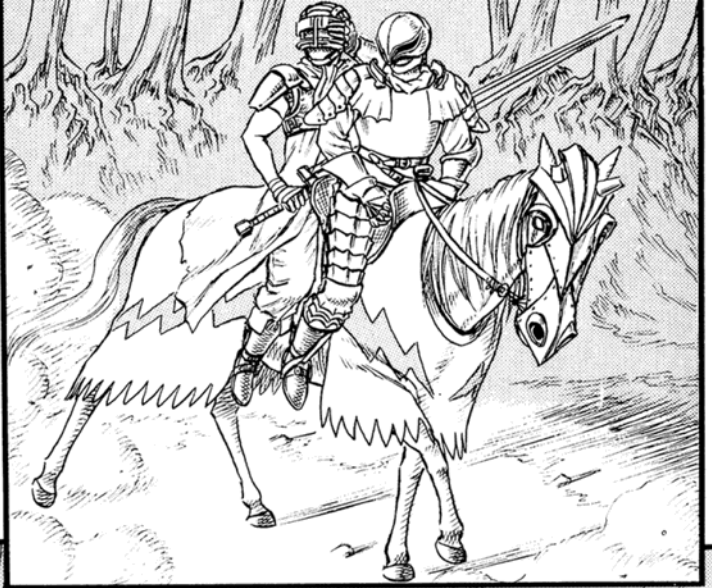
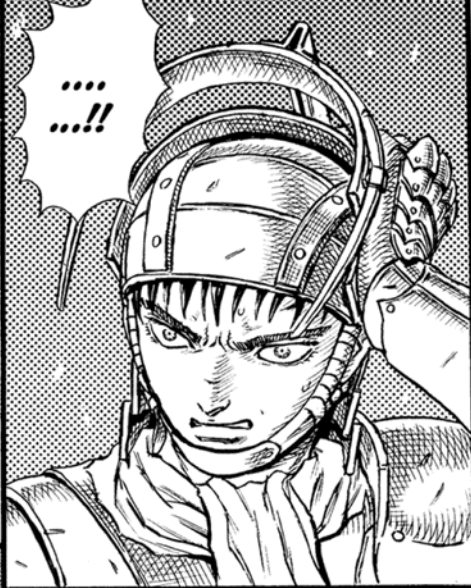
...AND
THE
FOREST
ENDS!!

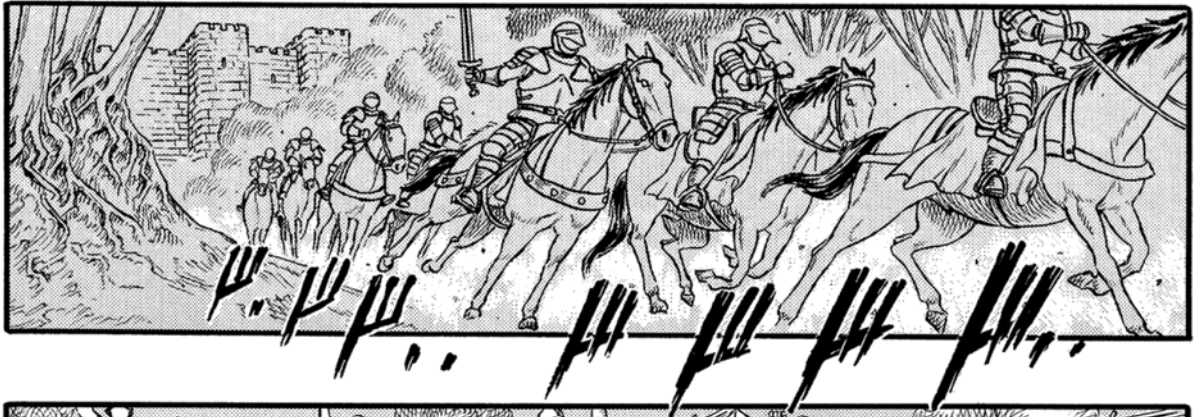
A
LITTLE
FARTHER
...

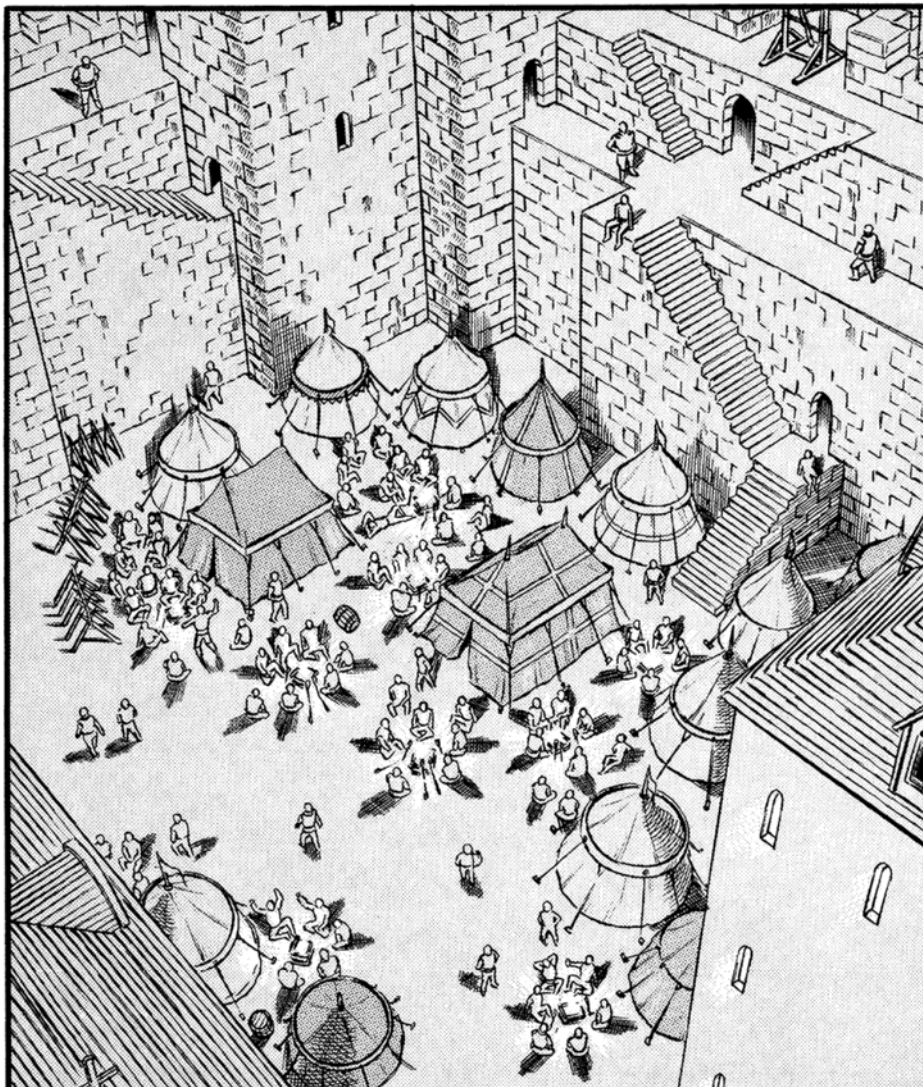
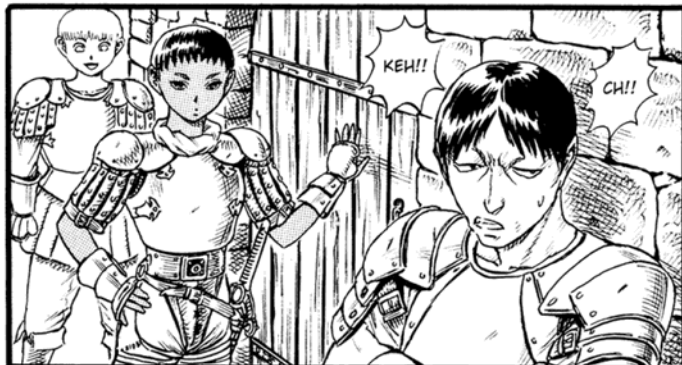
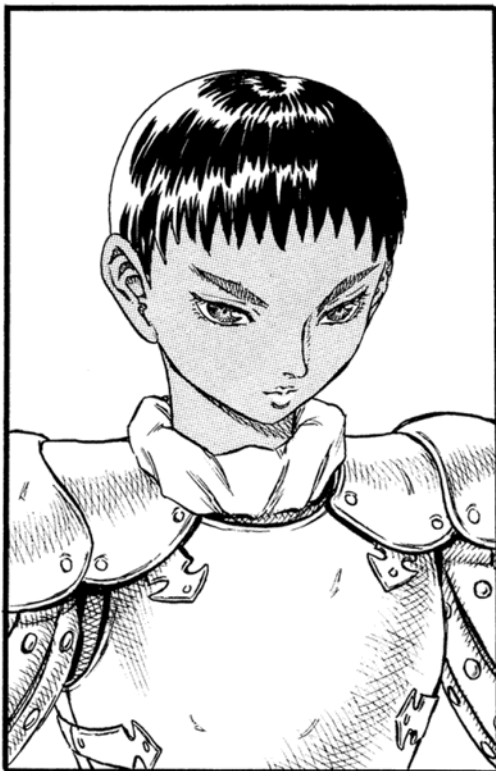






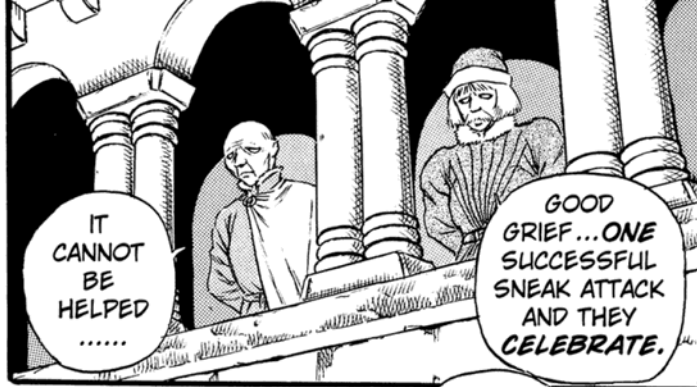








HE
MANAGED
THIS ENTIRE
OPERATION
PERSONALLY.



IT
CANNOT
BE
HELPED

GOOD
GRIEF...ONE
SUCCESSFUL
SNEAK ATTACK
AND THEY
CELEBRATE.

A MOST
DREAD-
FUL MAN
HE IS.

BUT
STILL
...

SURELY
THIS WAS
A MAJOR
GAIN.



YES,
YES, WE
CANNOT
BE HARD
ON THEM.

HMPH.

HE IS YOUNG AND
LACKS BACKING, BUT
HIS MEN ARE EXTREMELY
DEVOTED TO HIM AND HIS
TACTICS ARE BRILLIANT...
TRULY DREADFUL...

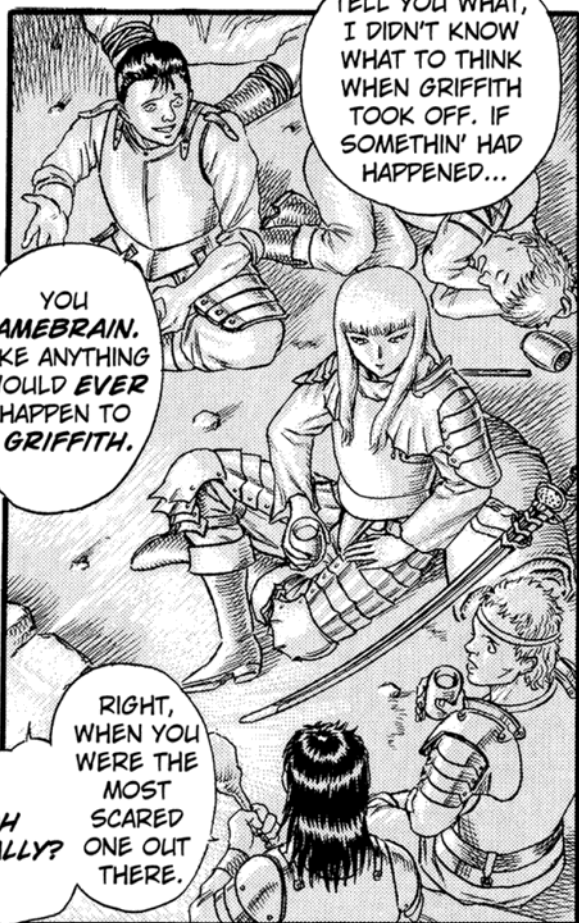
YEAH,
KIND OF
A MEAN
DUDE,
THOUGH.

BUT HEY,
GUTS IS
PRETTY
GOOD!



...SOME
THINGS
ONLY
GRIFFITH
CAN
SEE.

I
THOUGHT
HE'D JUST
RUN
OFF...

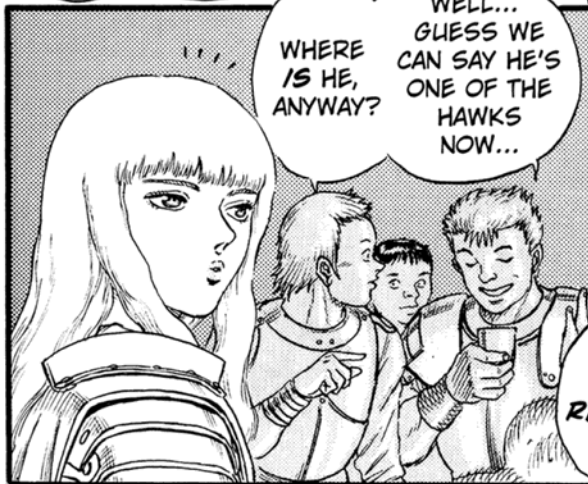


TELL YOU WHAT,
I DIDN'T KNOW
WHAT TO THINK
WHEN GRIFFITH
TOOK OFF. IF
SOMETHIN' HAD
HAPPENED...

YOU
LAMEBRAIN.
LIKE ANYTHING
WOULD EVER
HAPPEN TO
GRIFFITH.

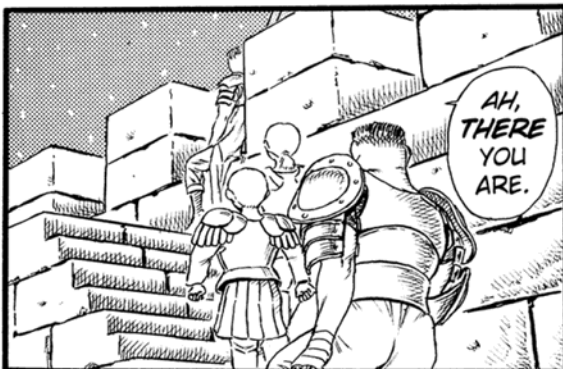
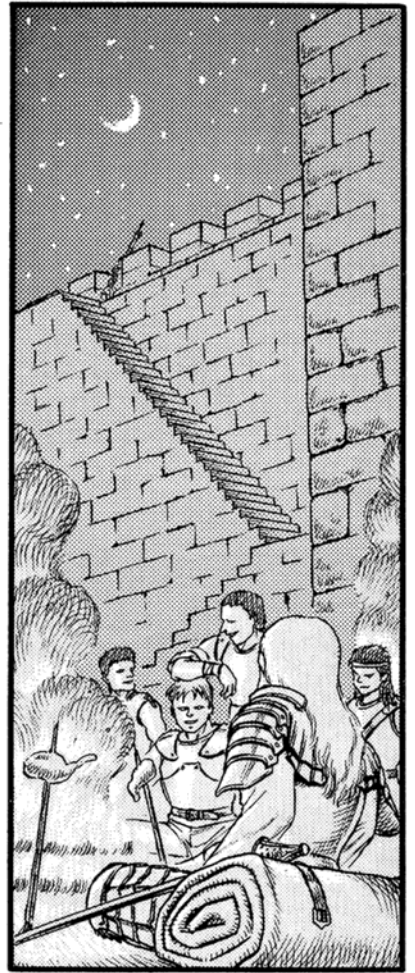
WELL...
GUESS WE
CAN SAY HE'S
ONE OF THE
HAWKS
NOW...

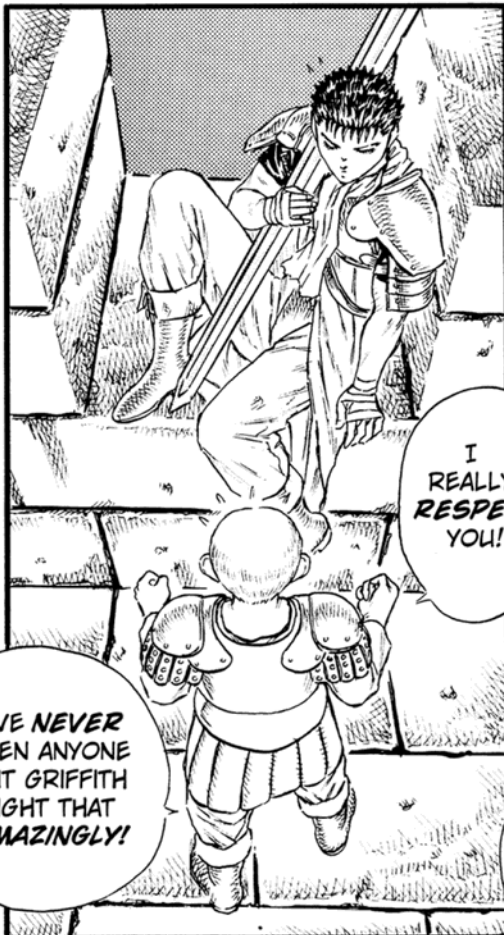
WHERE
IS HE,
ANYWAY?



OH
REALLY?

RIGHT,
WHEN YOU
WERE THE
MOST
SCARED
ONE OUT
THERE.

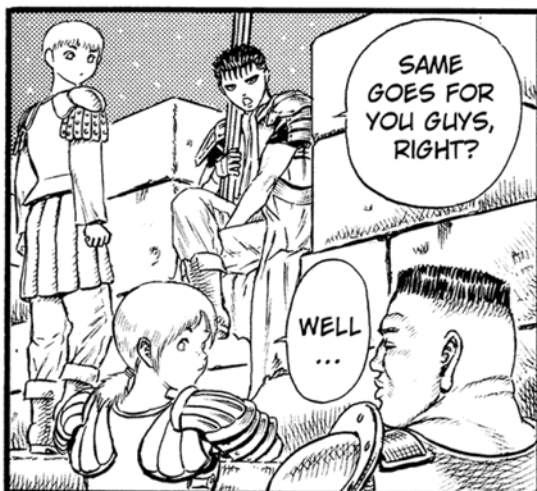






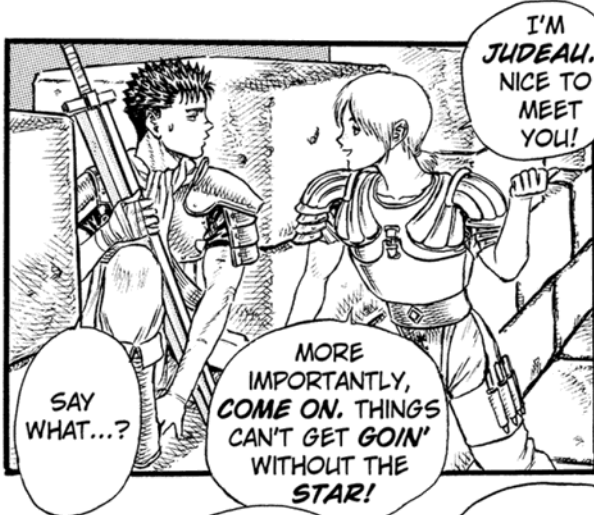
NO
REASON
TO
THANK
ME.

ALL I
DID WAS
MY OWN
JOB.



SAME
GOES FOR
YOU GUYS,
RIGHT?

WELL
...



I'M
JUDEAU.
NICE TO
MEET
YOU!

SAY
WHAT...?

MORE
IMPORTANTLY,
COME ON. THINGS
CAN'T GET GOIN'
WITHOUT THE
STAR!



WE CAN
LEAVE IT
AT *THAT*
I GUESS.

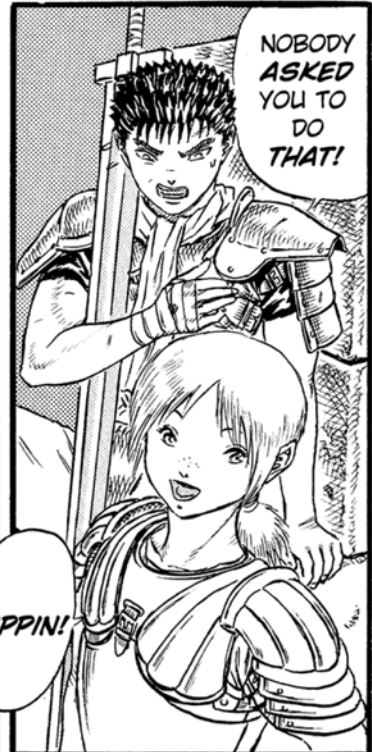
...
AH
...

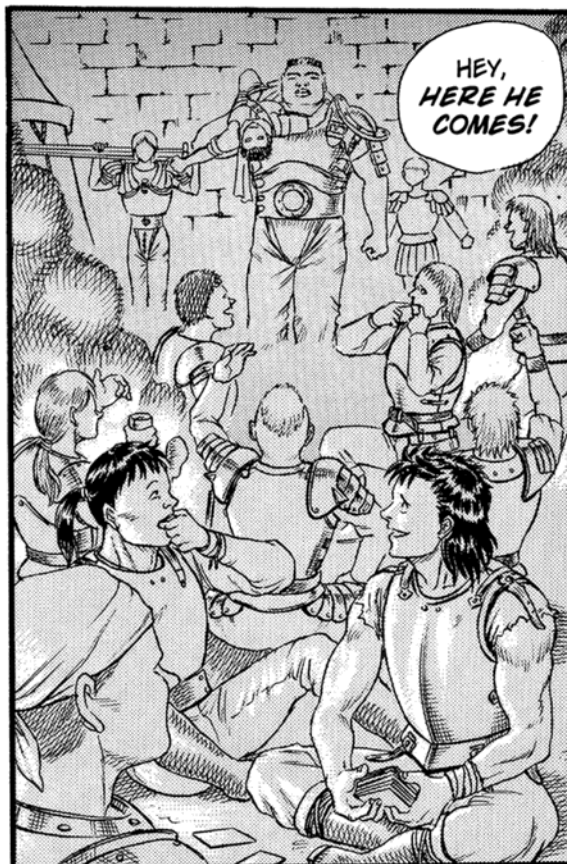
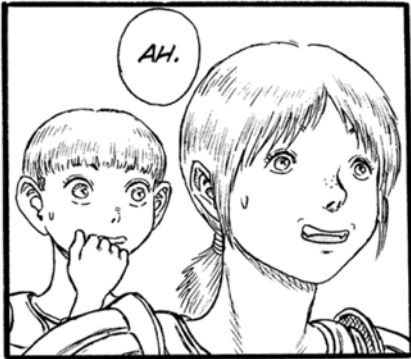


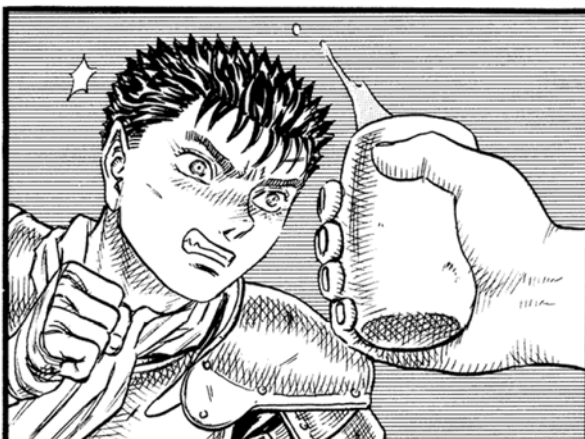
YOU ABOUT
TO TURN
DOWN OUR
GOOD
WILL?

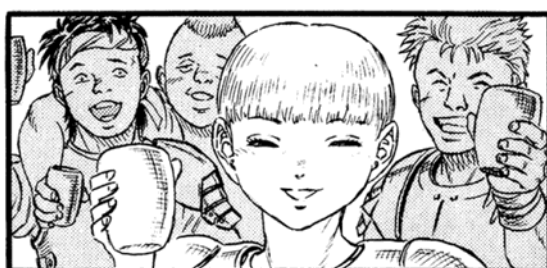
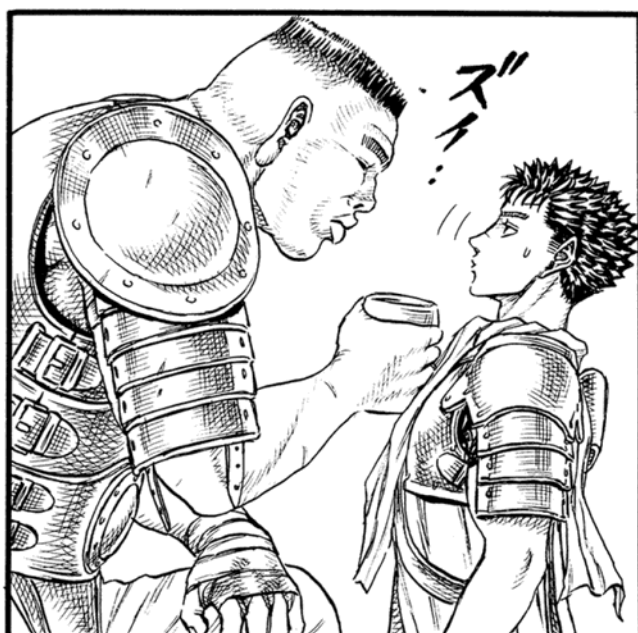
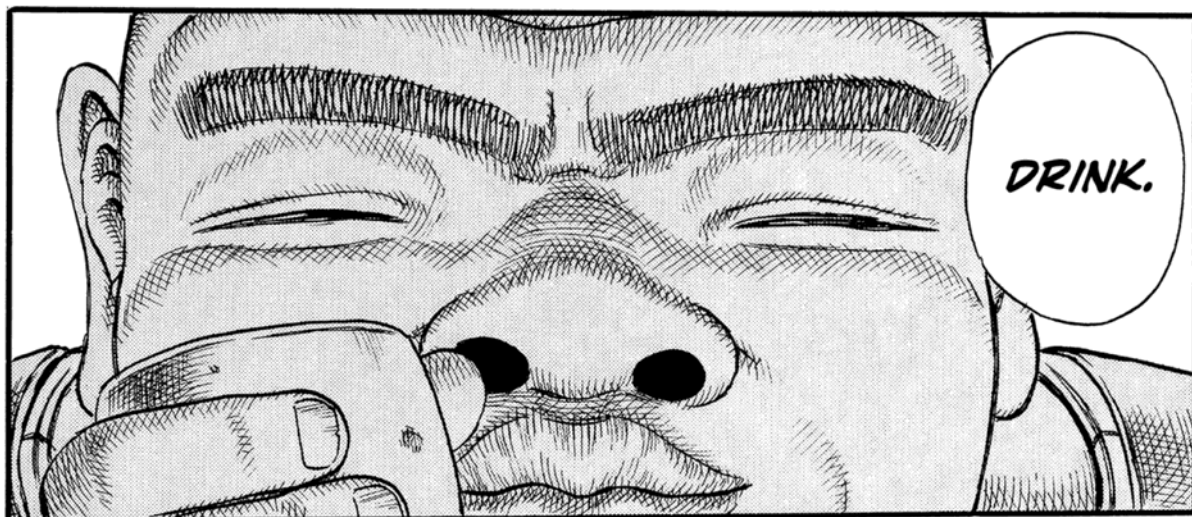
TONIGHT'S
PARTY IS
ALSO TO
WELCOME
YOU TO
THE
GROUP!

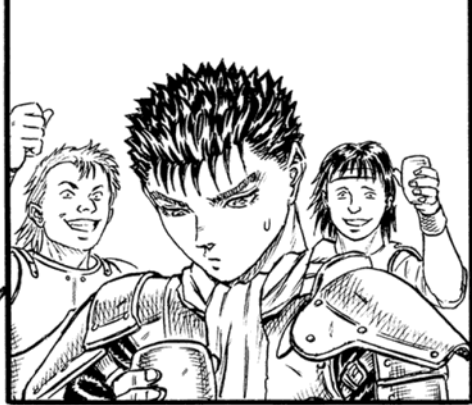
WE REALLY
JUST WANT
AN EXCUSE
TO GO WILD.

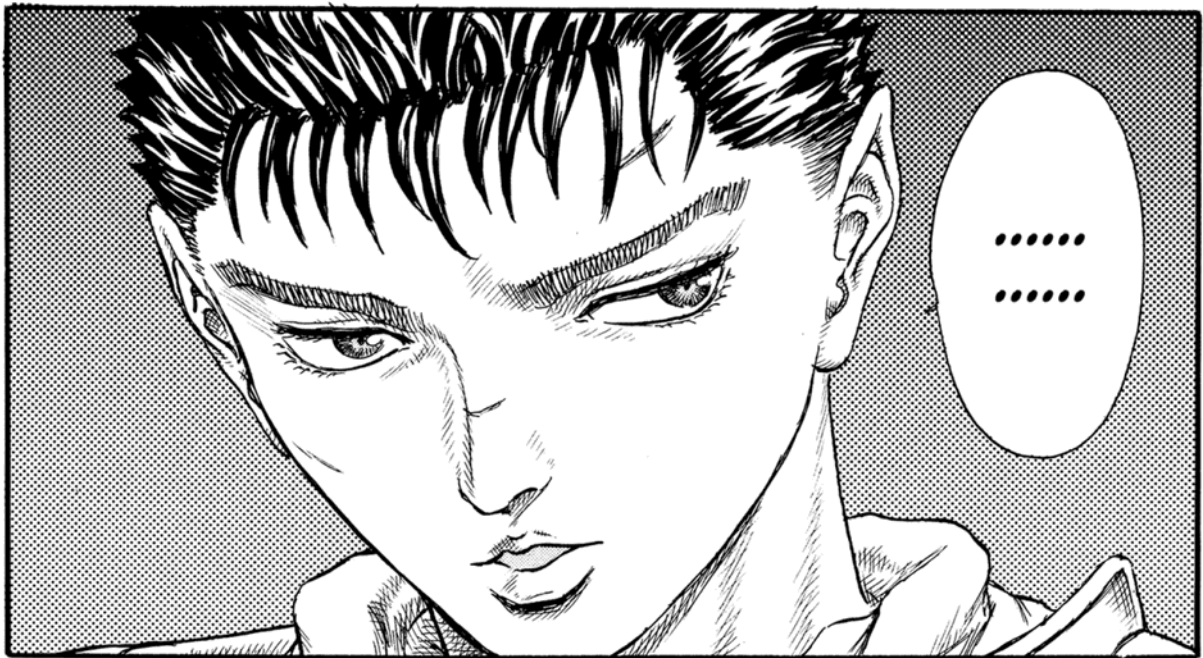


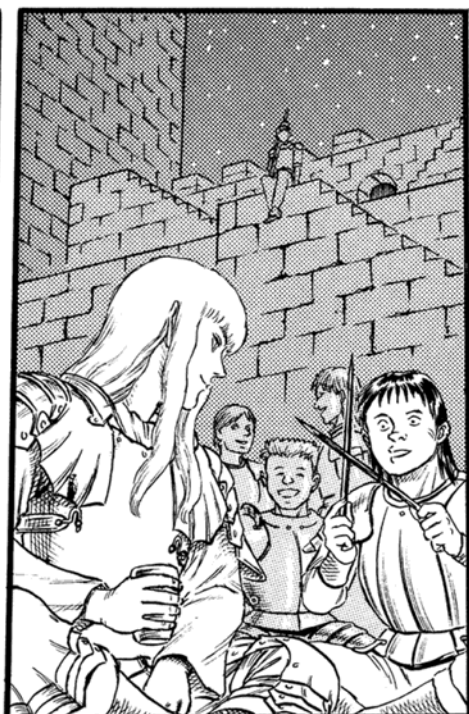
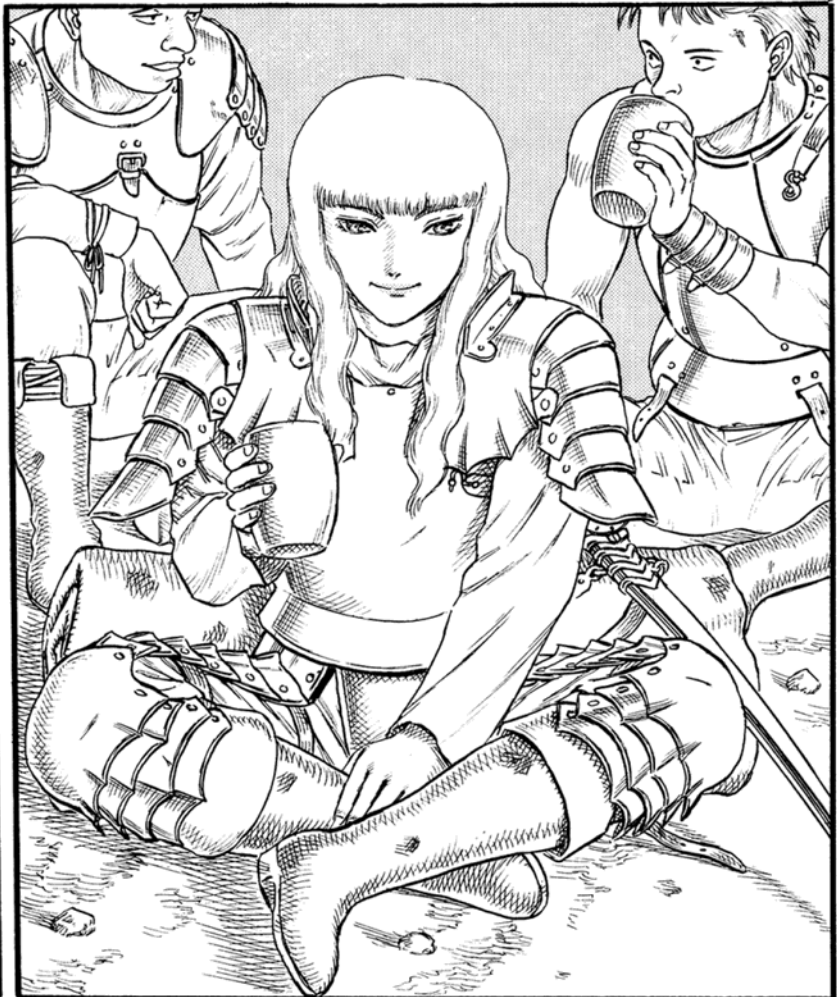


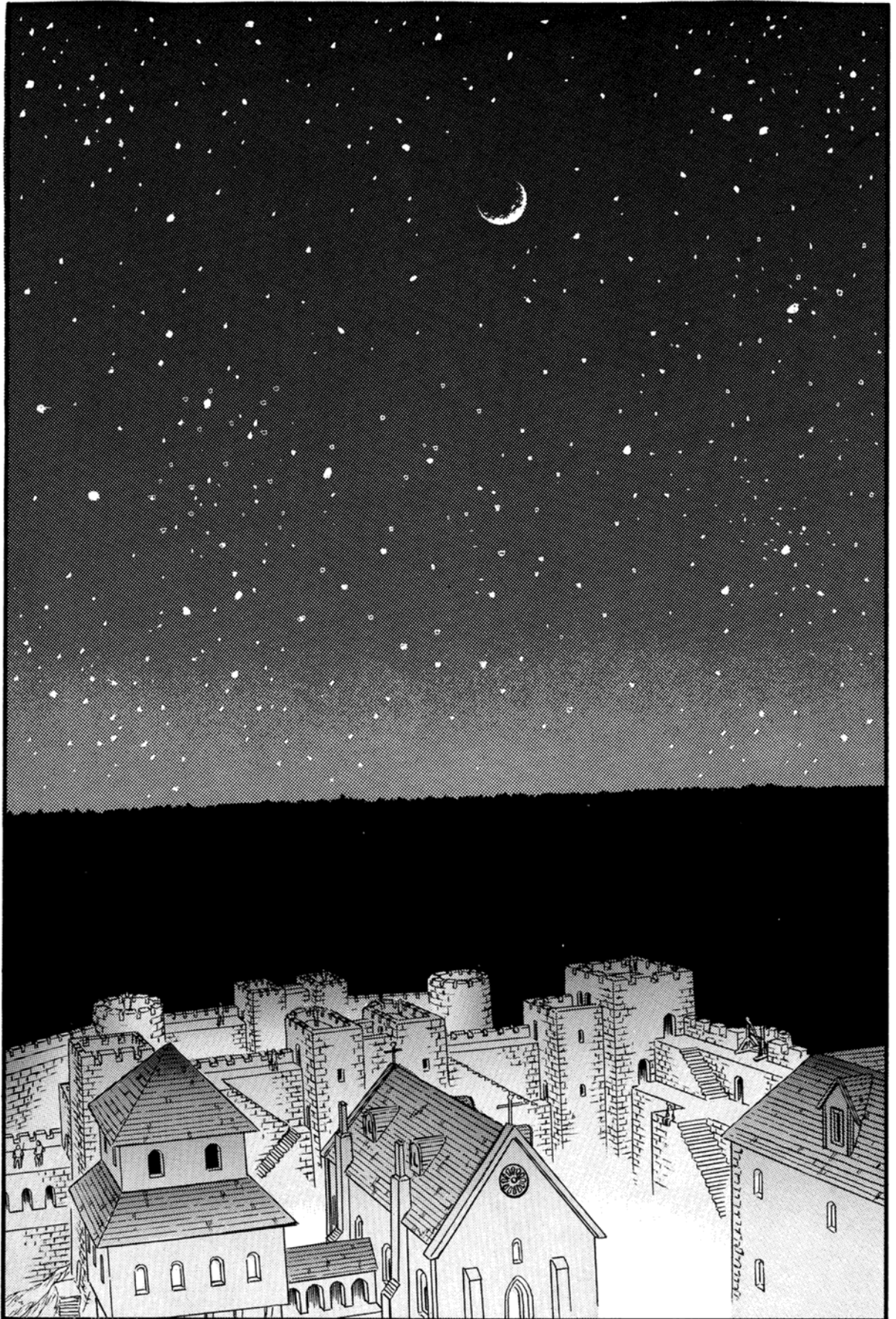




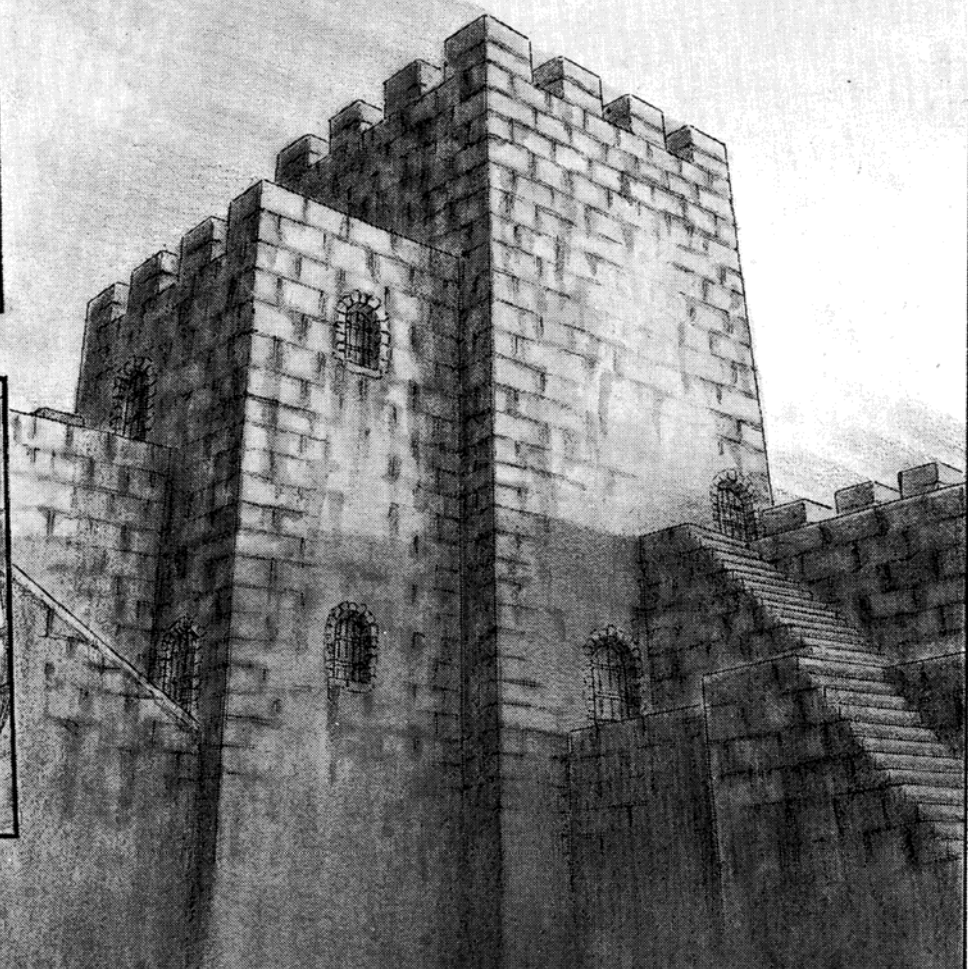








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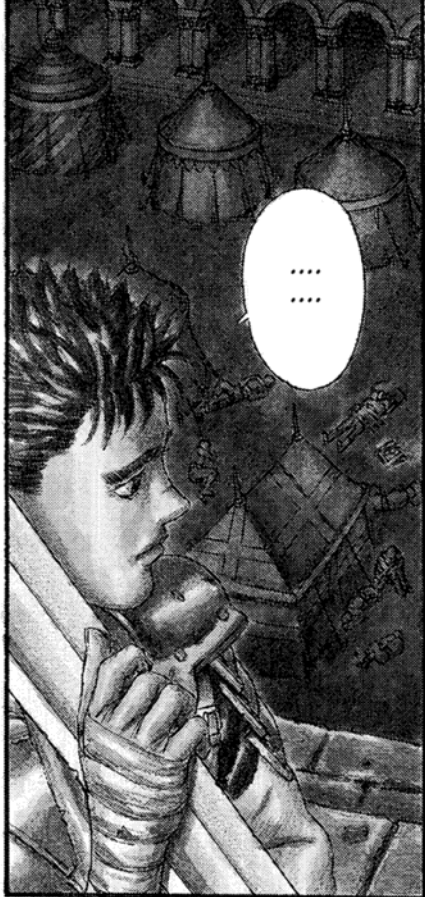


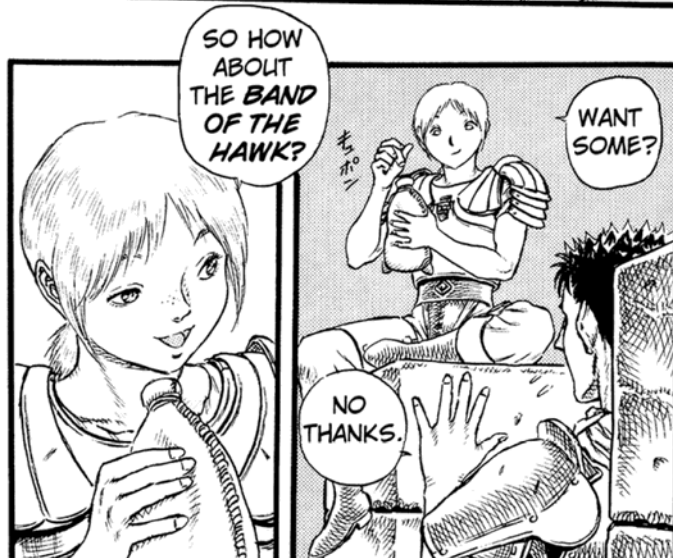
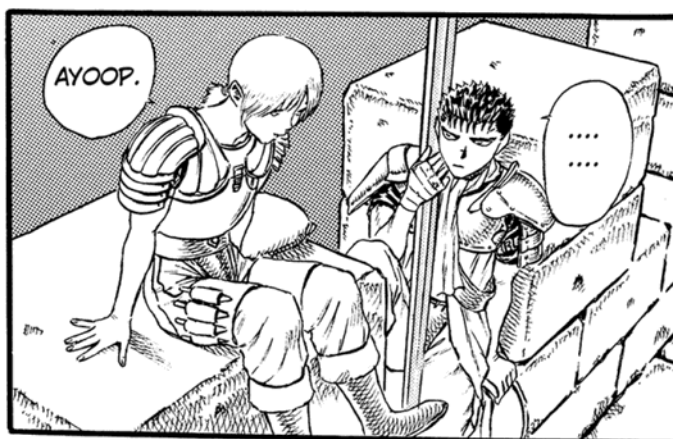
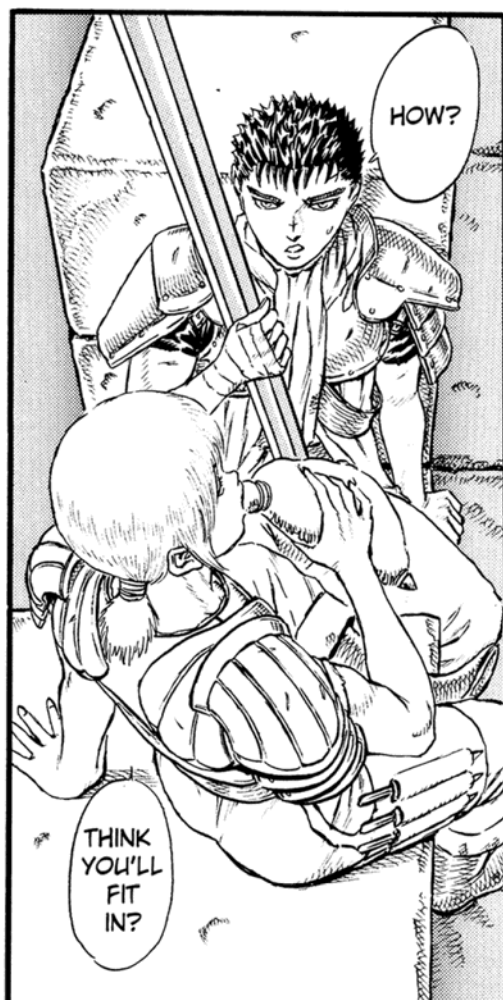
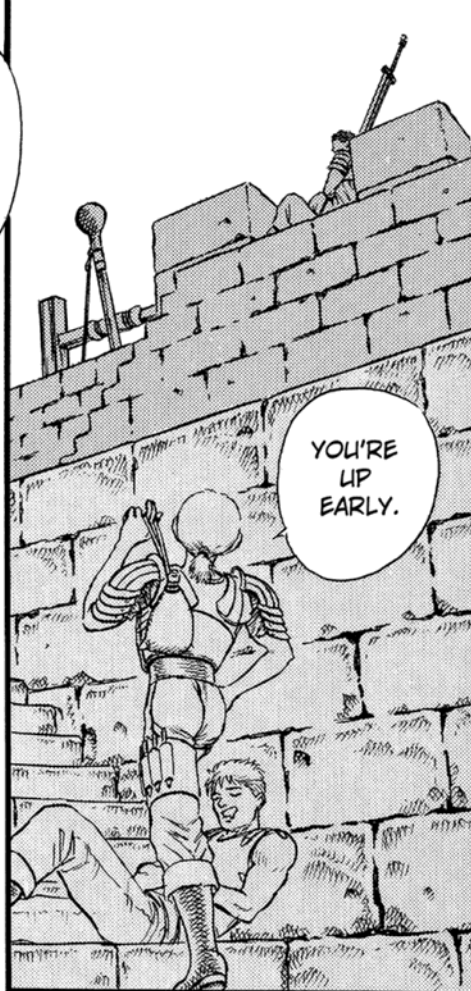
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THE GOLDEN AGE,
CHAPTER 8

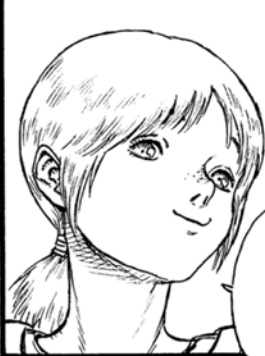








...IT'S
KIND OF
WEIRD.



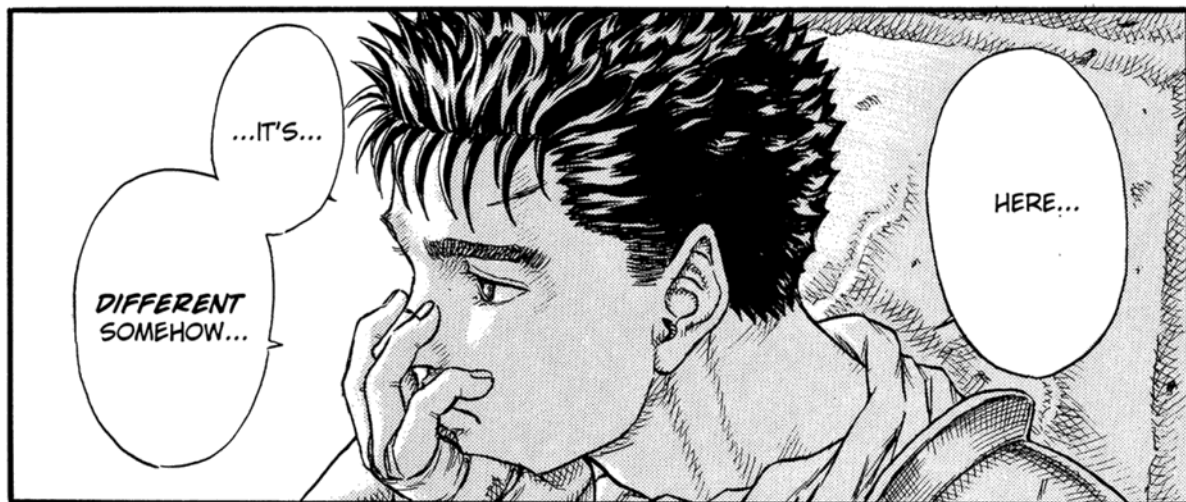
HARD
TO
SAY...

...I
DUNNO.



I WAS
SURPRISED BY
HOW YOUNG
EVERYONE
HERE IS. BUT
THAT'S NOT
ALL...

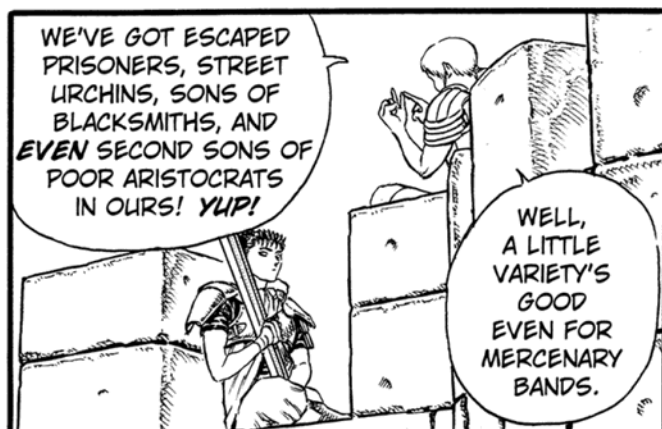
MERCENARY
BANDS ARE NEVER
MUCH DIFFERENT.
THEY'RE SAVAGE,
MADE UP MOSTLY
OF ROGUES AND
MEN WITH SHADY
PASTS, Y'KNOW?



...IT'S...

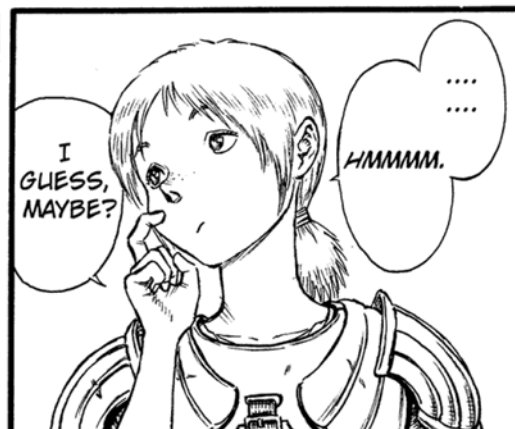
DIFFERENT
SOMEHOW...

HERE...



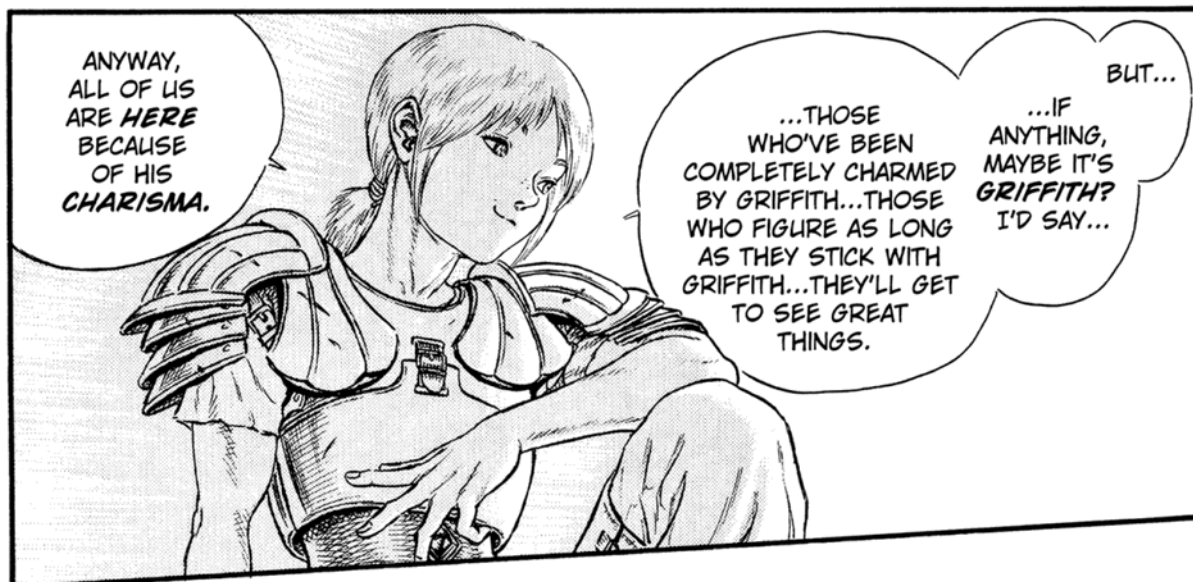
WE'VE GOT ESCAPED
PRISONERS, STREET
URCHINS, SONS OF
BLACKSMITHS, AND
EVEN SECOND SONS OF
POOR ARISTOCRATS
IN OURS! YUP!

WELL,
A LITTLE
VARIETY'S
GOOD
EVEN FOR
MERCENARY
BANDS.



I
GUESS,
MAYBE?

HMMMM.



ANYWAY,
ALL OF US
ARE **HERE**
BECAUSE
OF HIS
CHARISMA.

...THOSE
WHO'VE BEEN
COMPLETELY CHARMED
BY GRIFFITH...THOSE
WHO FIGURE AS LONG
AS THEY STICK WITH
GRIFFITH...THEY'LL GET
TO SEE GREAT
THINGS.

...IF
ANYTHING,
MAYBE IT'S
GRIFFITH?
I'D SAY...

BUT...

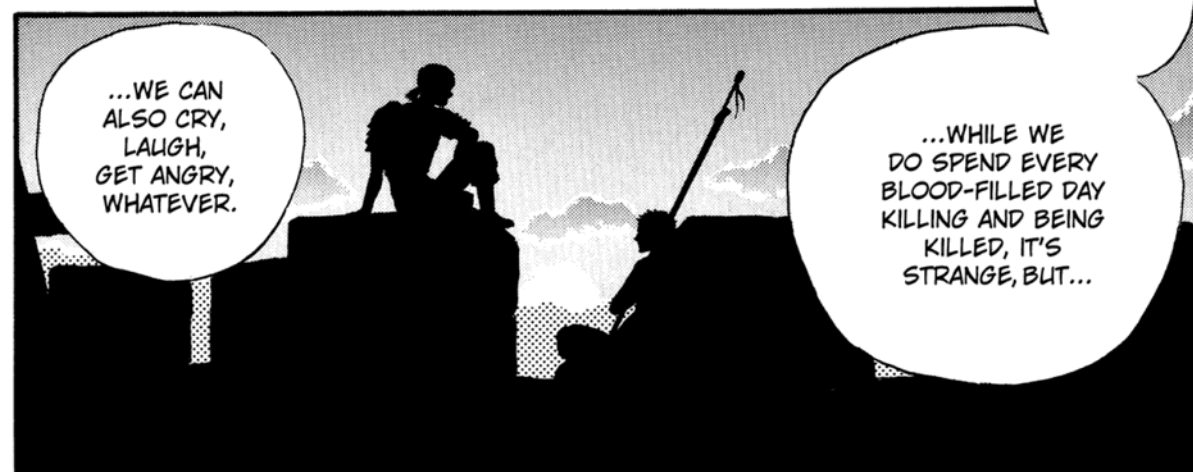


IT'S JUST THAT
UNLIKE OTHER
MERCENARIES,
WHO ARE SO
HARDENED THEY
THINK ONLY ABOUT
MONEY AND THEIR
OWN SURVIVAL,
WE'RE A LITTLE
DIFFERENT.

ON HIS OWN,
NO ONE OF US
IS ANY **BIG DEAL**.
NO DIFFERENT
FROM ANY OTHER
MERCENARY.

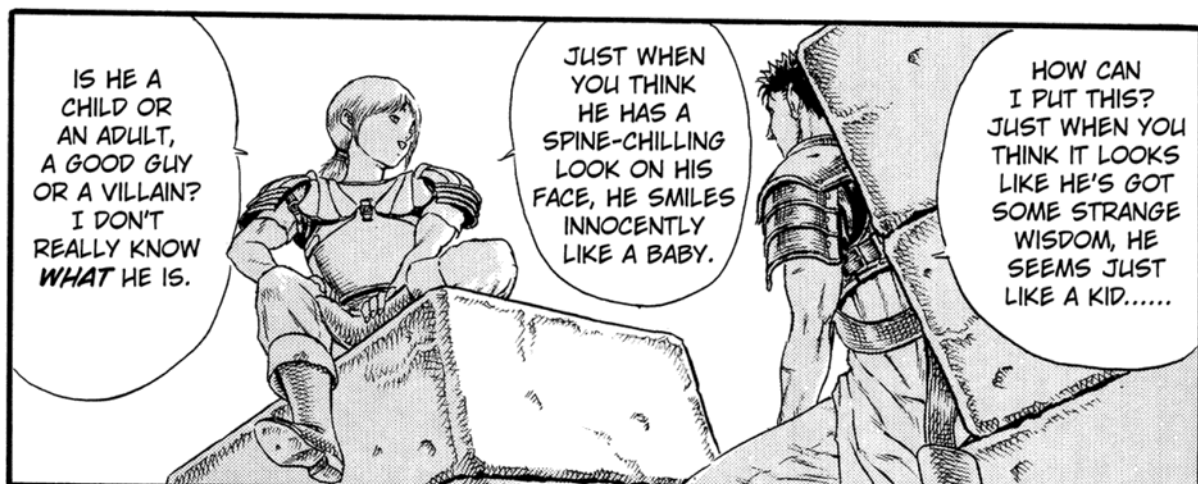
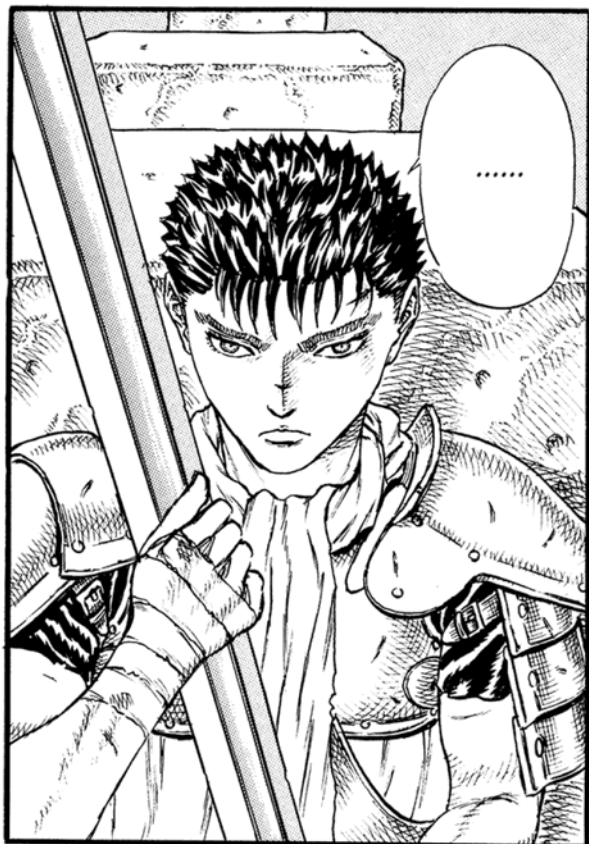
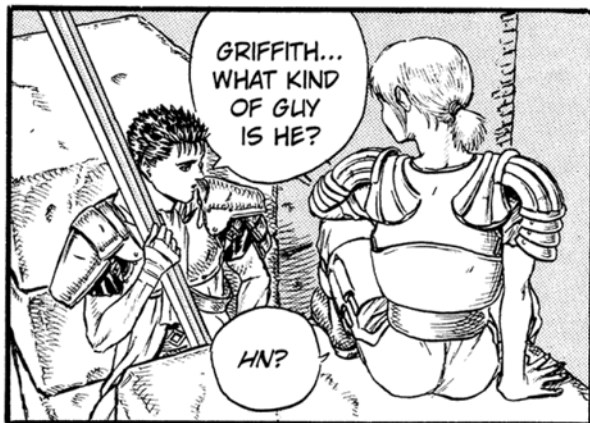
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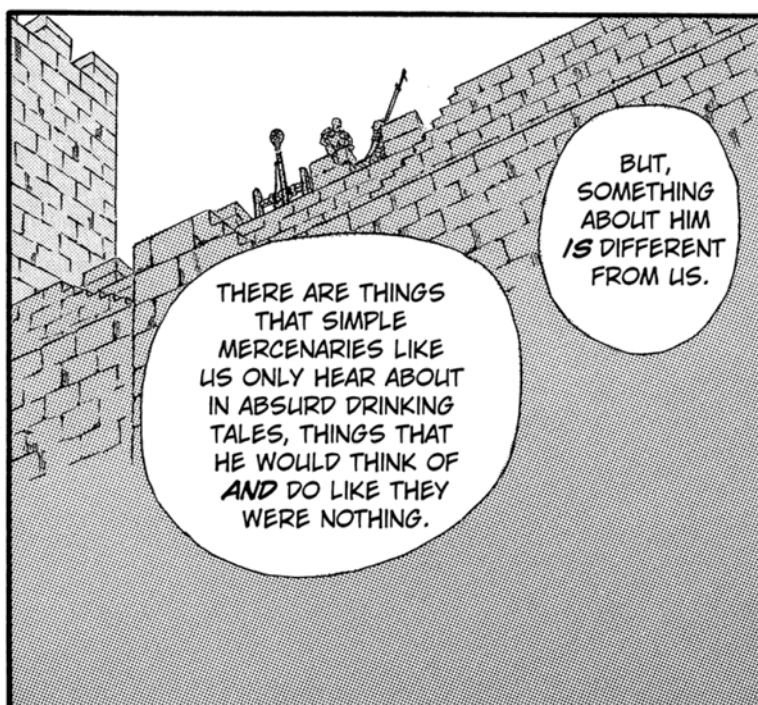
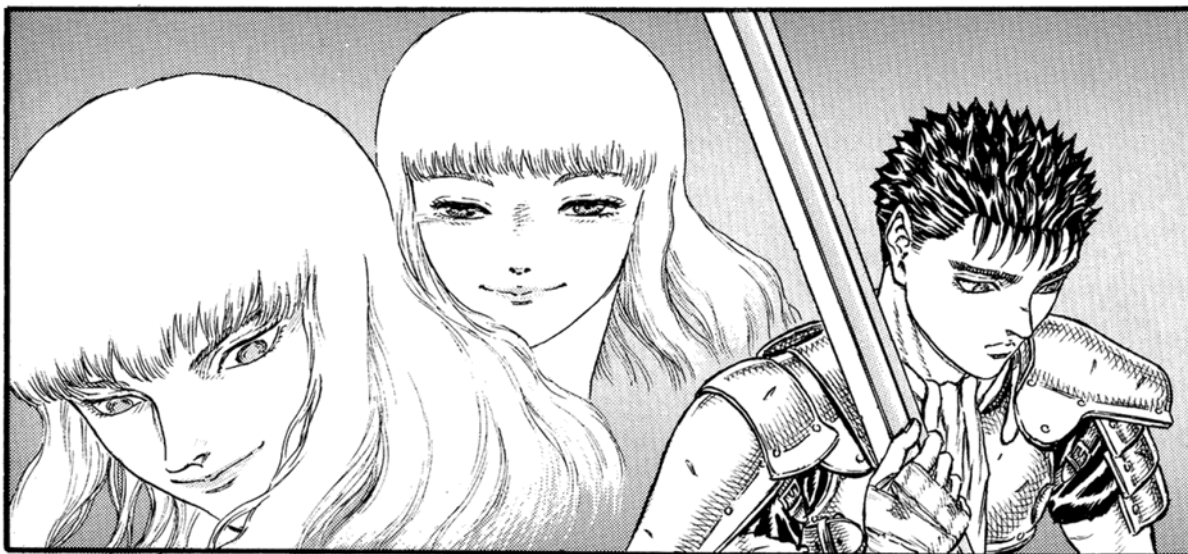
AROUND
HERE...

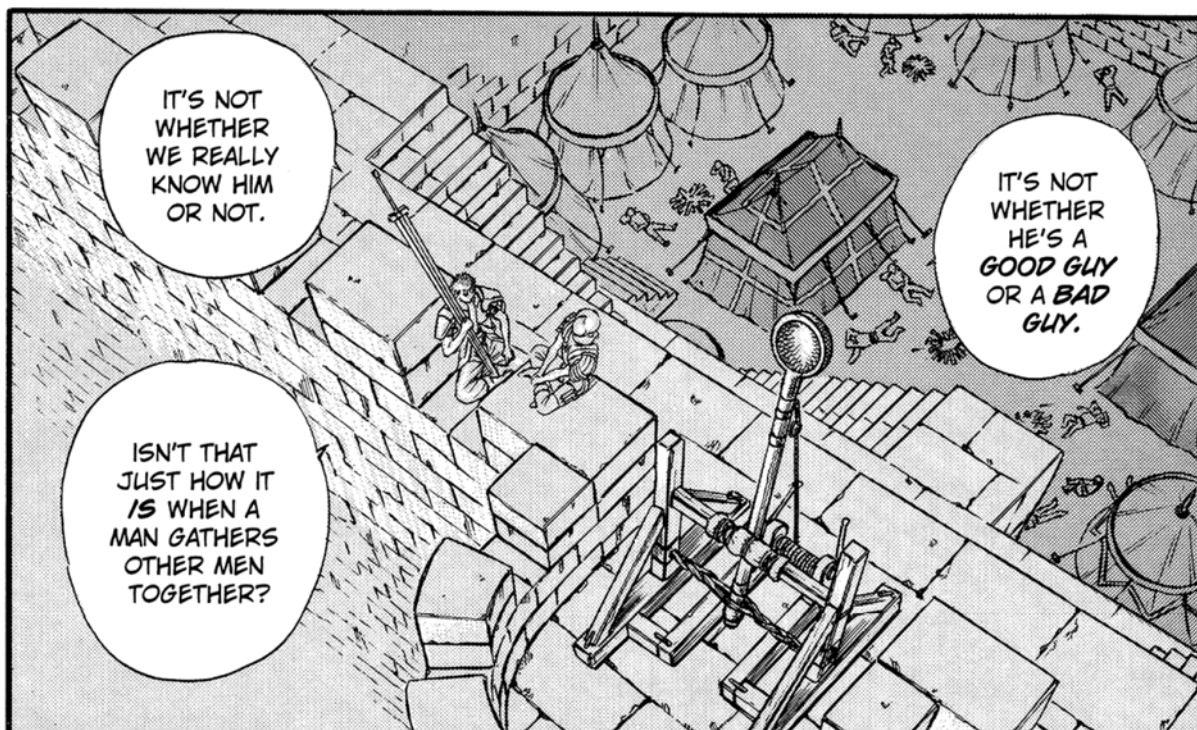
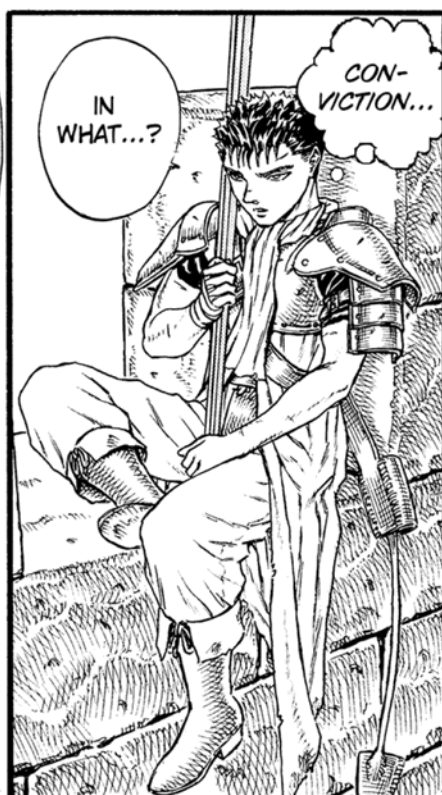
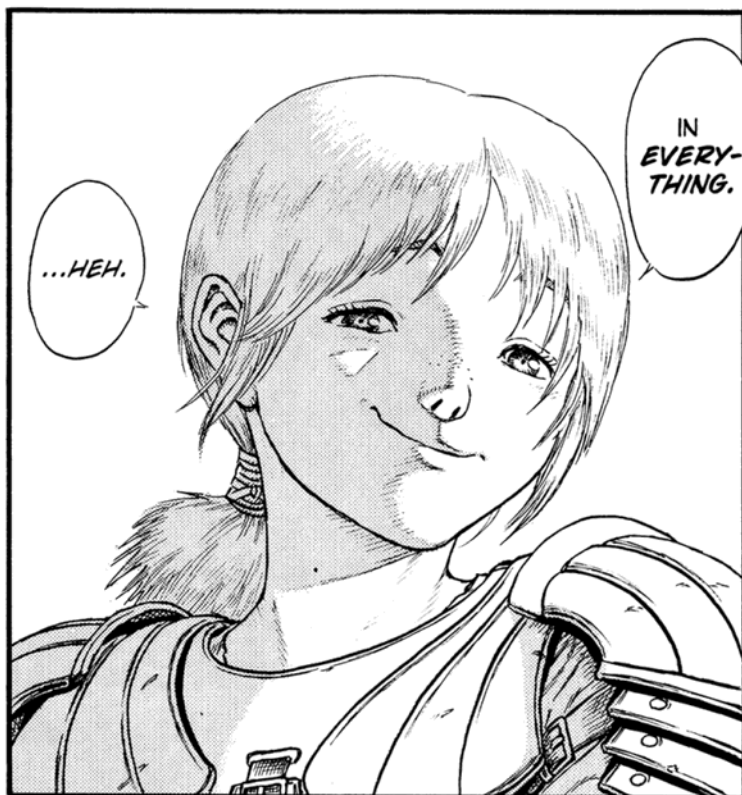


...WE CAN
ALSO CRY,
LAUGH,
GET ANGRY,
WHATEVER.

...WHILE WE
DO SPEND EVERY
BLOOD-FILLED DAY
KILLING AND BEING
KILLED, IT'S
STRANGE, BUT...









GUTS.

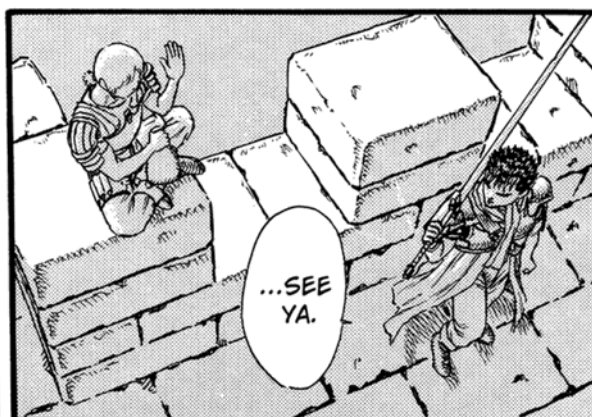


HEY,
NEW
GUY.

THE
BOSS'S
CALLIN'
YOU.



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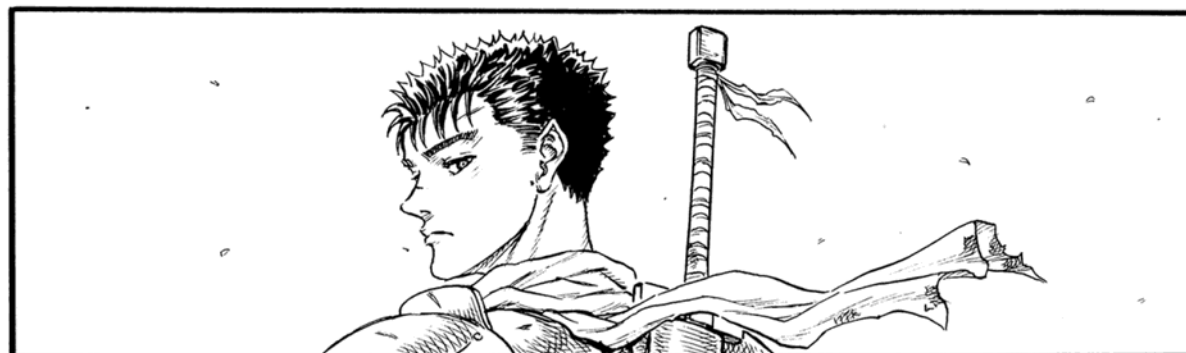


...SEE
YA.

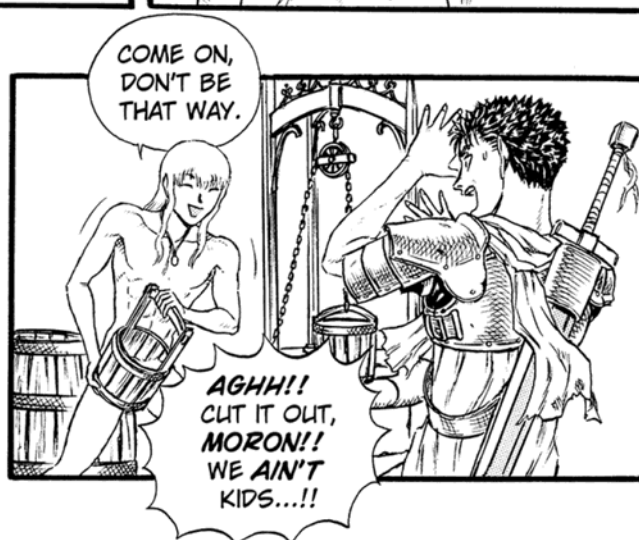
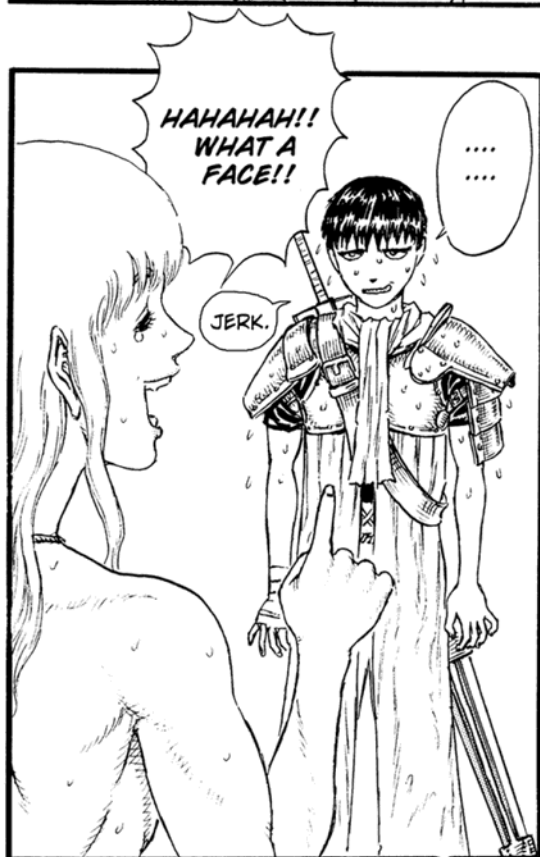
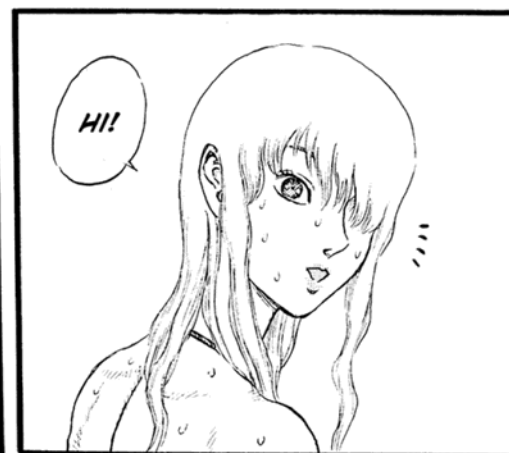
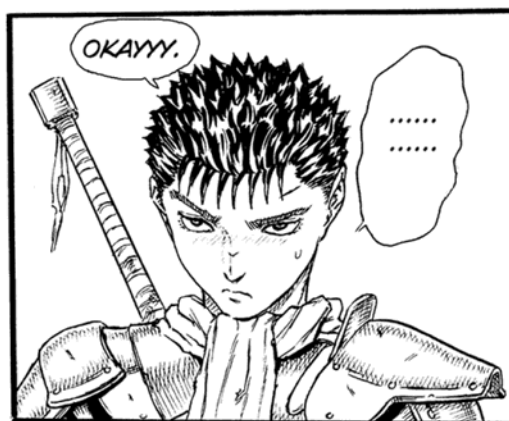
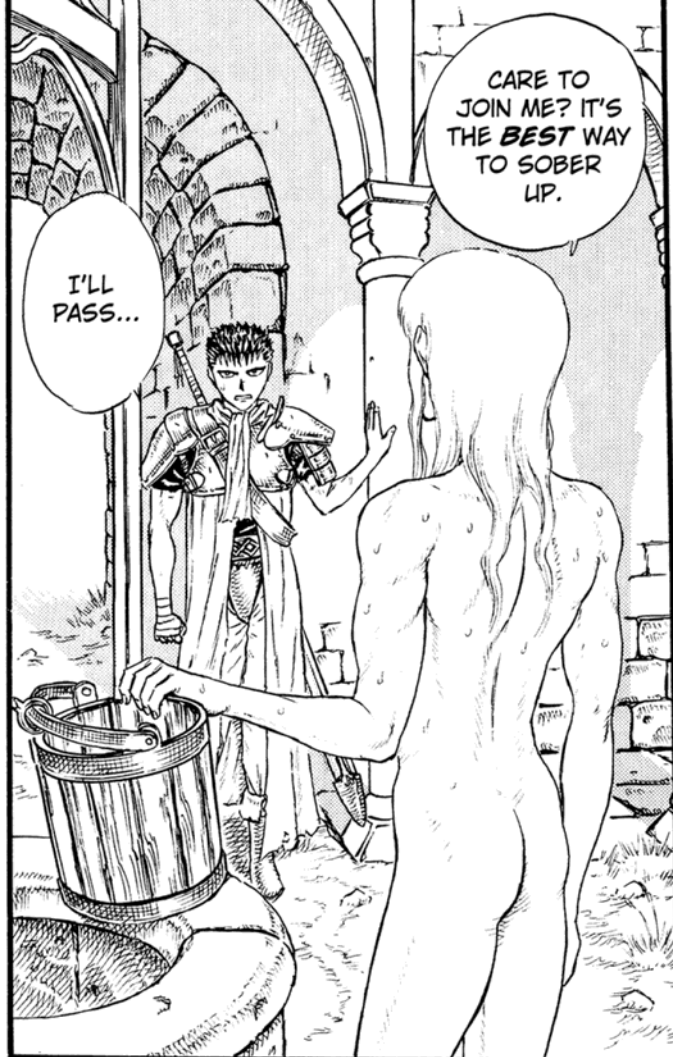


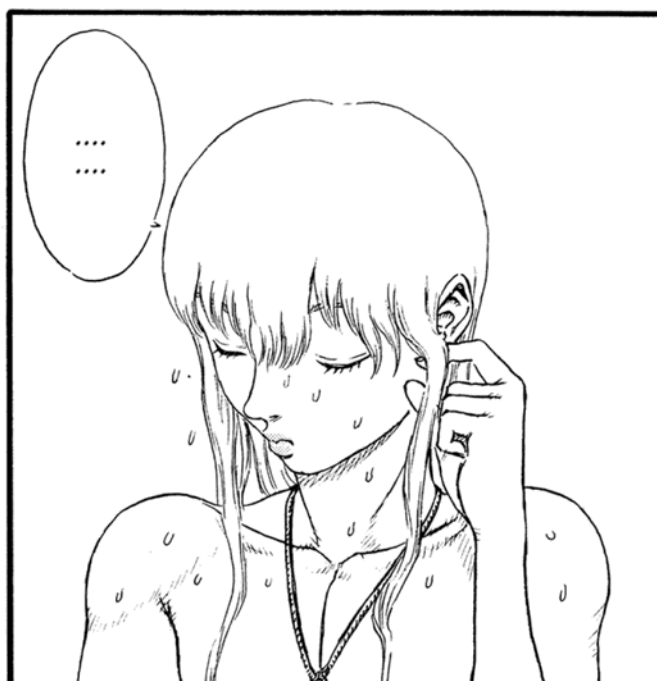
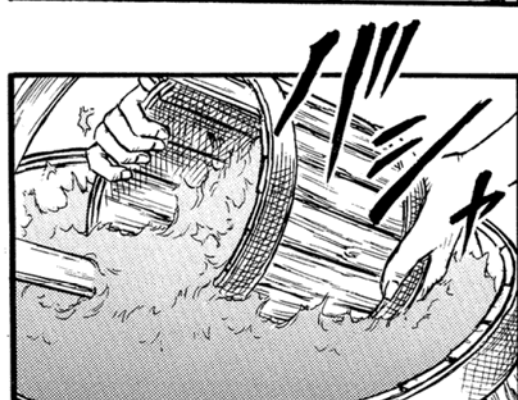
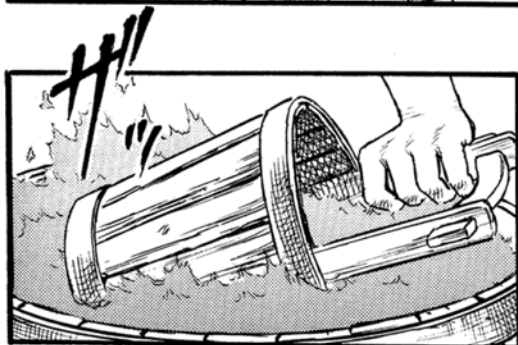
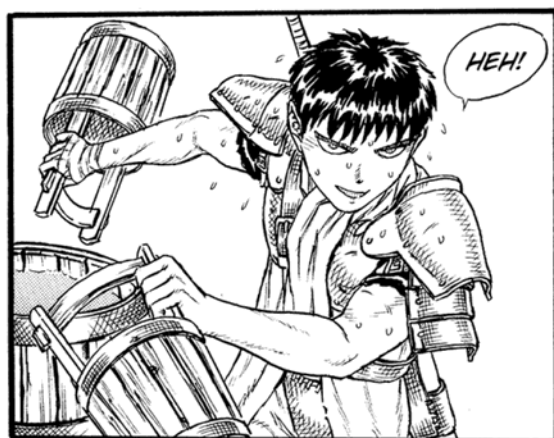
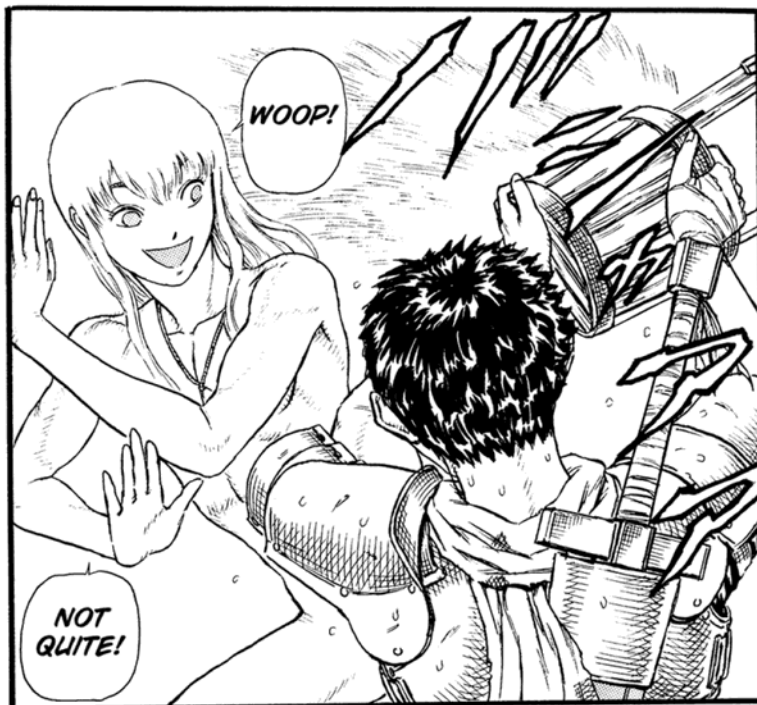
THE
PLACE
WHERE
YOU
BELONG.

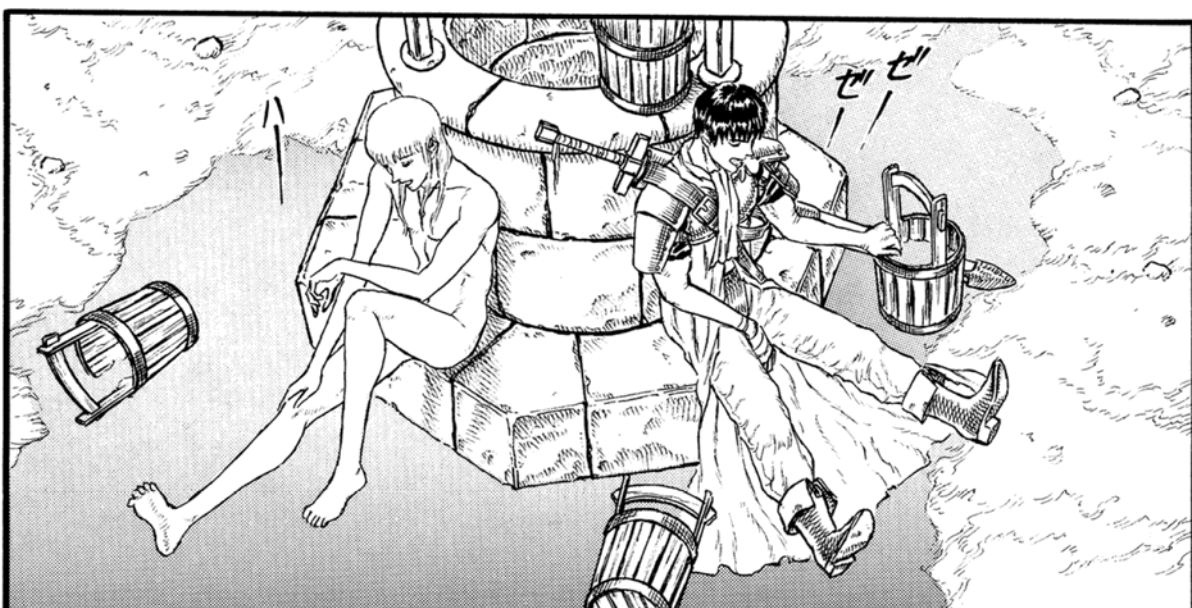
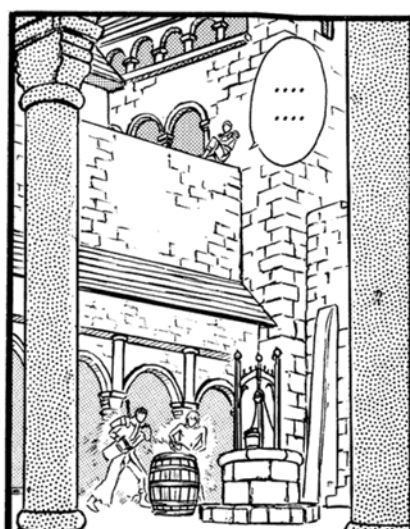
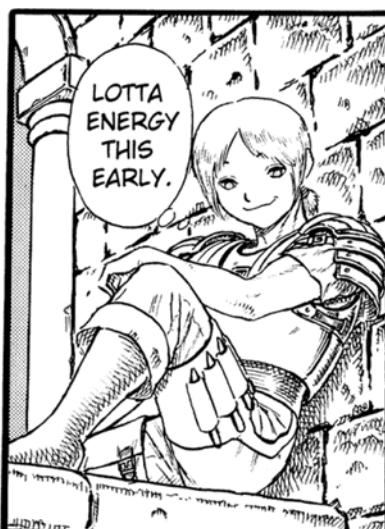
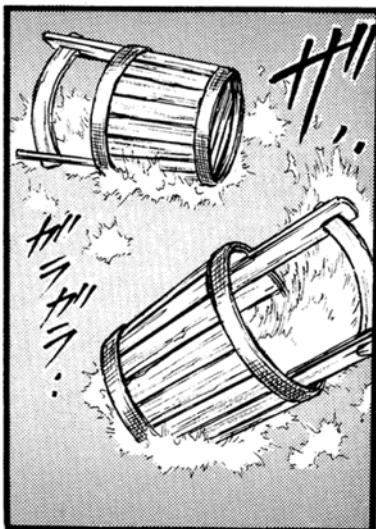
I'M
SURE
YOU'LL
FIND IT
HERE.

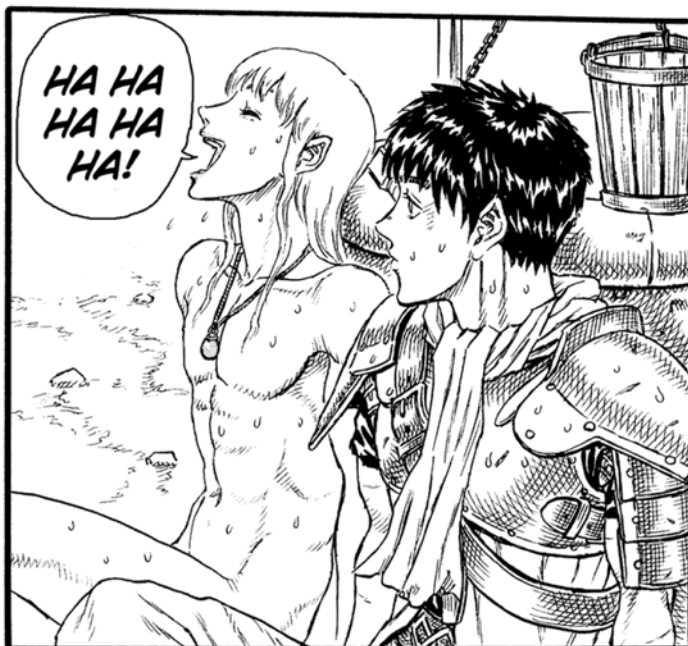
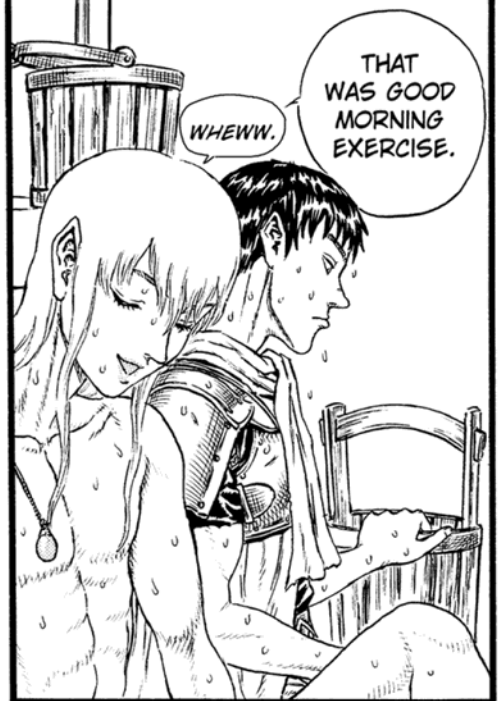
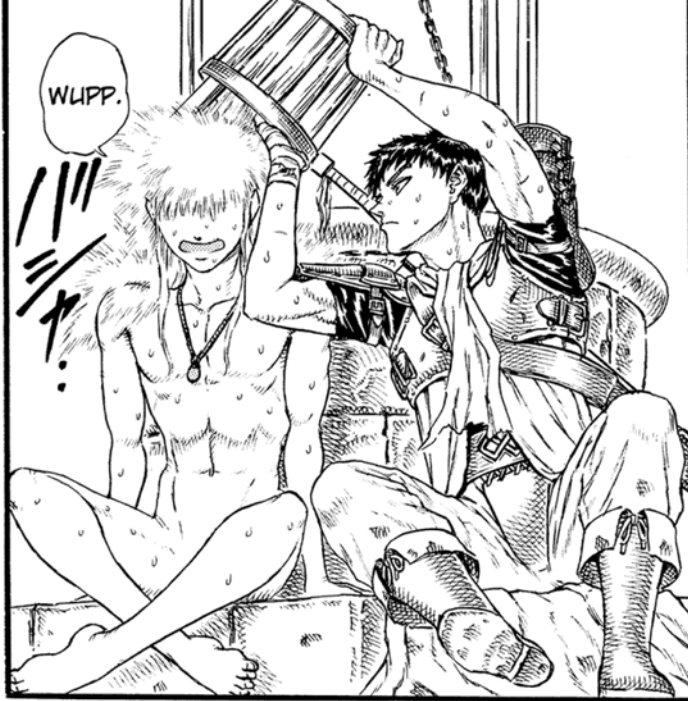


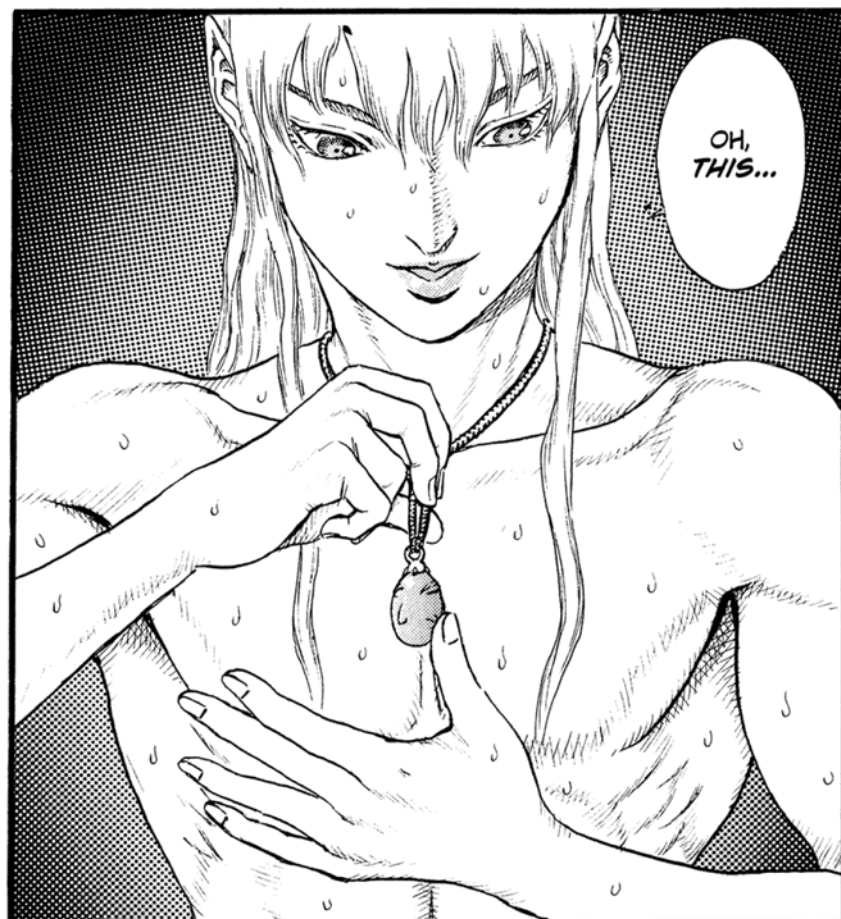
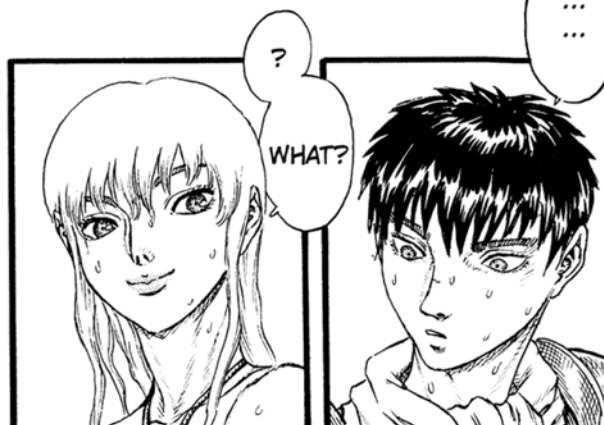
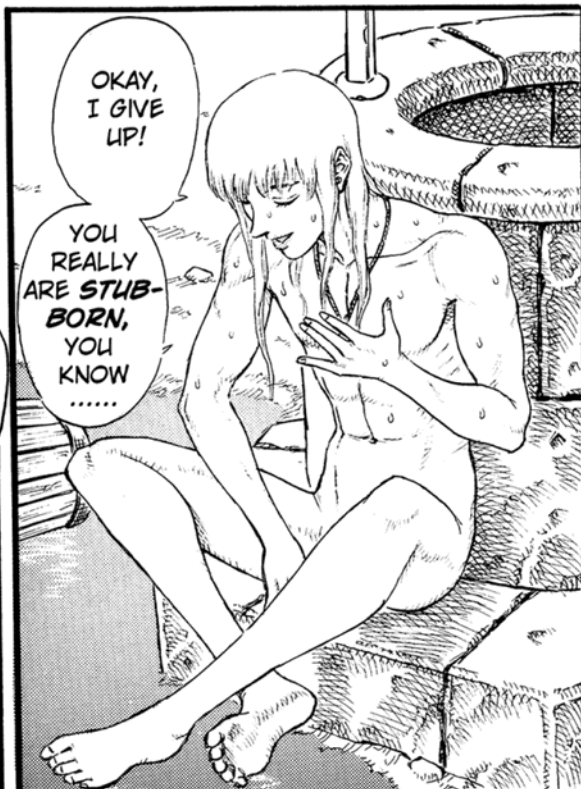
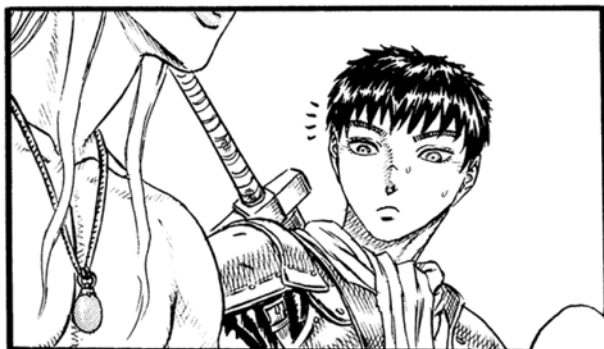




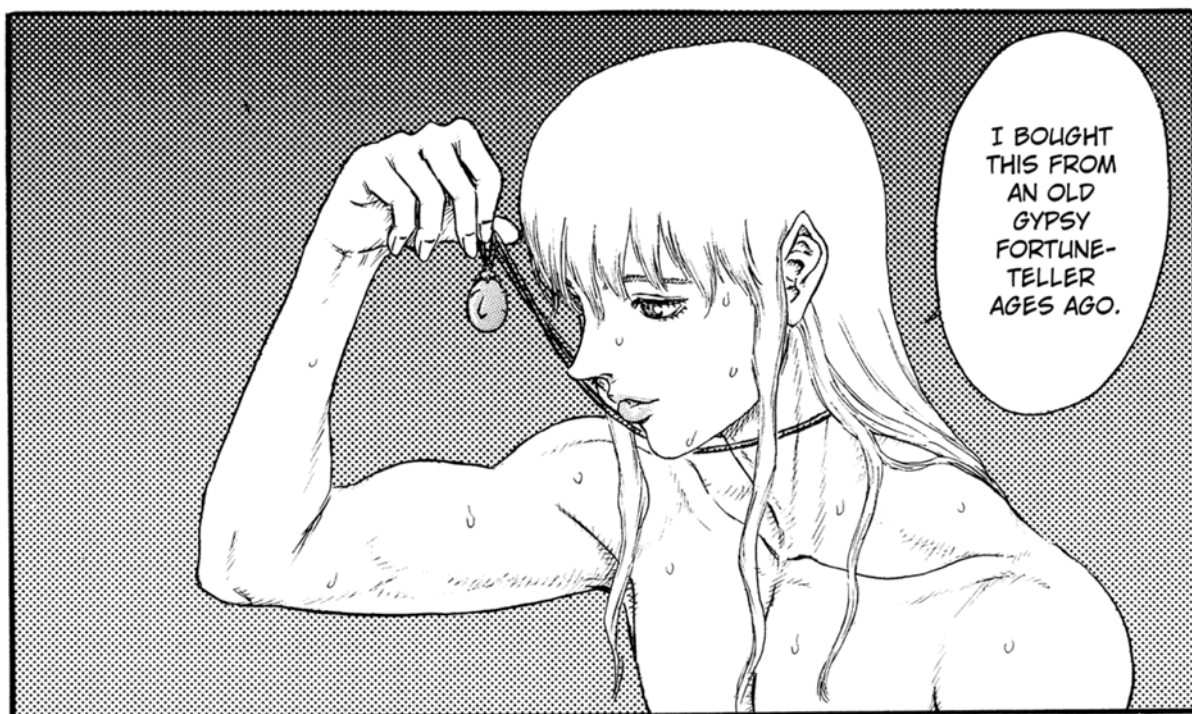




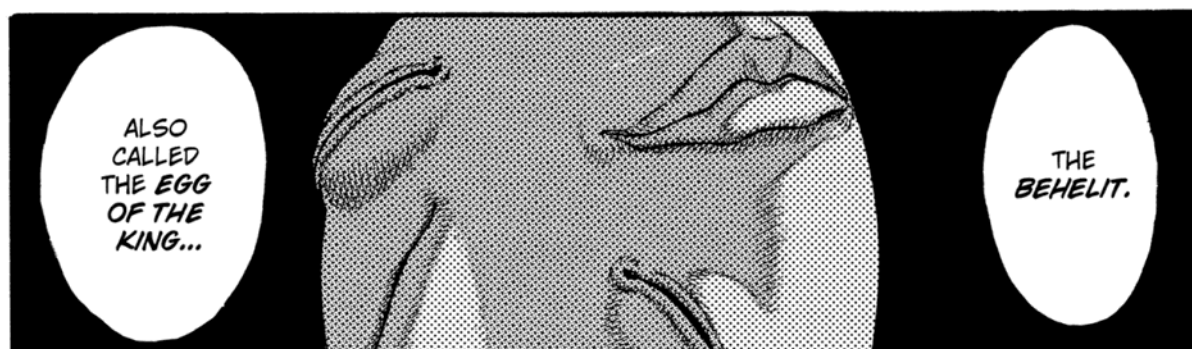








I BOUGHT
THIS FROM
AN OLD
GYPSY
FORTUNE-
TELLER
AGES AGO.



ALSO
CALLED
THE *EGG*
OF THE
KING...

THE
BEHELIT.

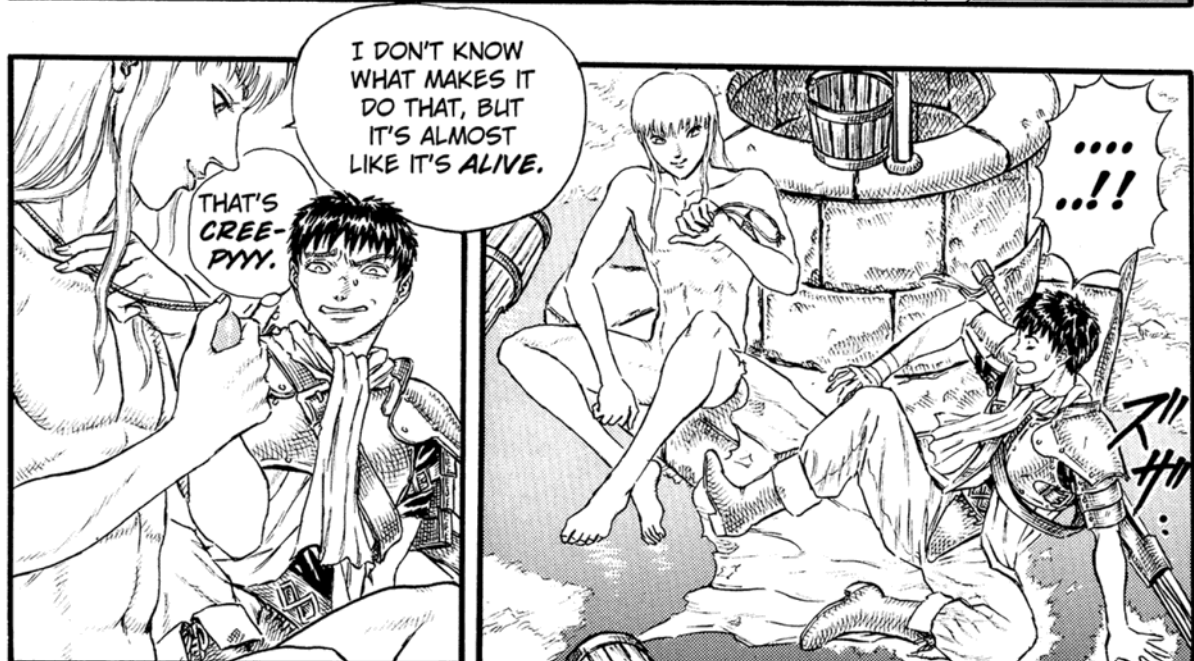
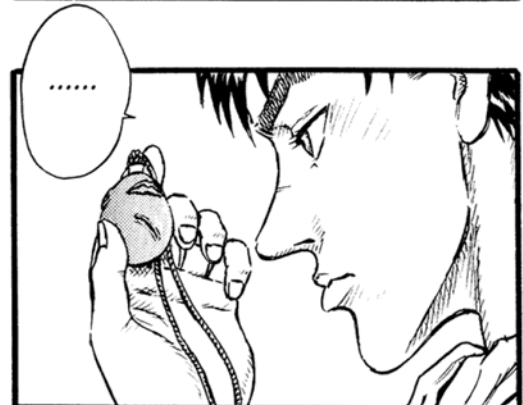
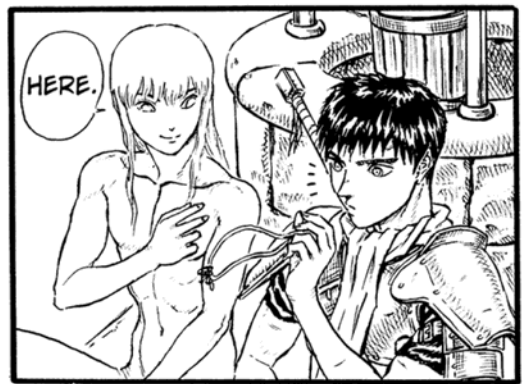
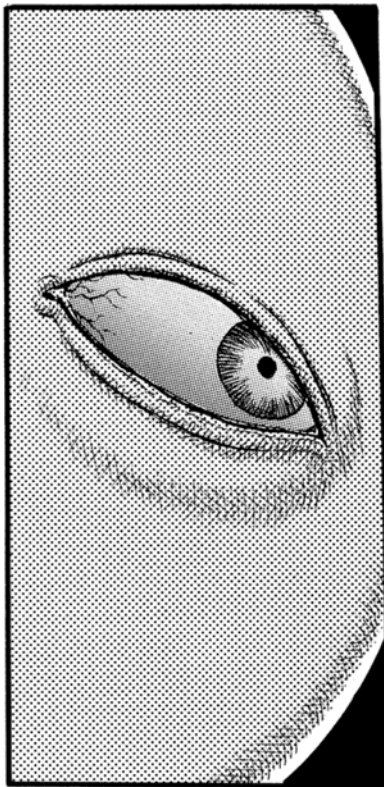


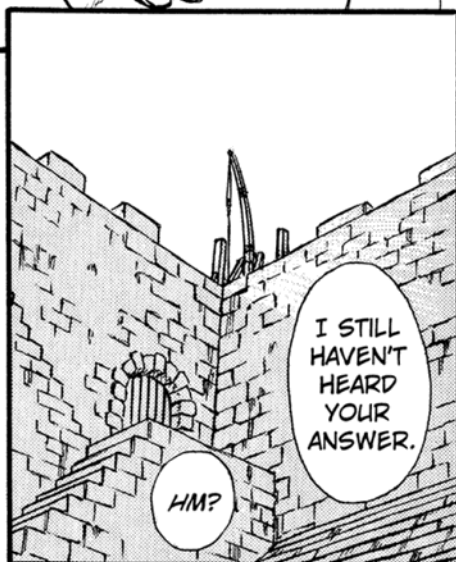
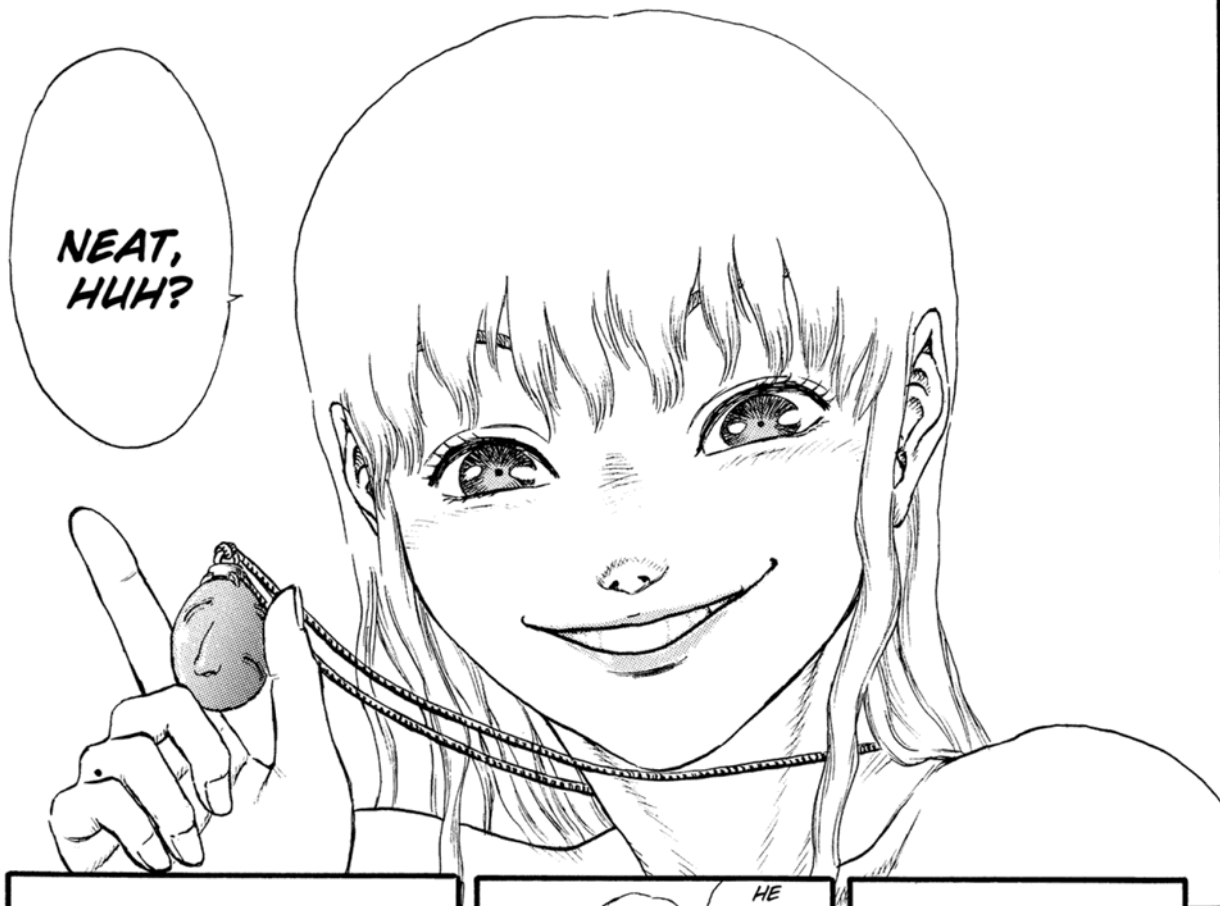
...IS *DESTINED*
TO OBTAIN THE
WORLD IN
EXCHANGE
FOR HIS OWN
FLESH AND
BLOOD.

YOU
SEE, IT'S
SAID THAT
WHOEVER
POSSESSES
THIS...



...THE
WORLD...?







THIS IS
WHERE IT
STARTS
TO GET
INTERESTING.

THIS IS
NO MORE
THAN A
SINGLE
STEP.

THE
BAND
OF
THE
HAWK...

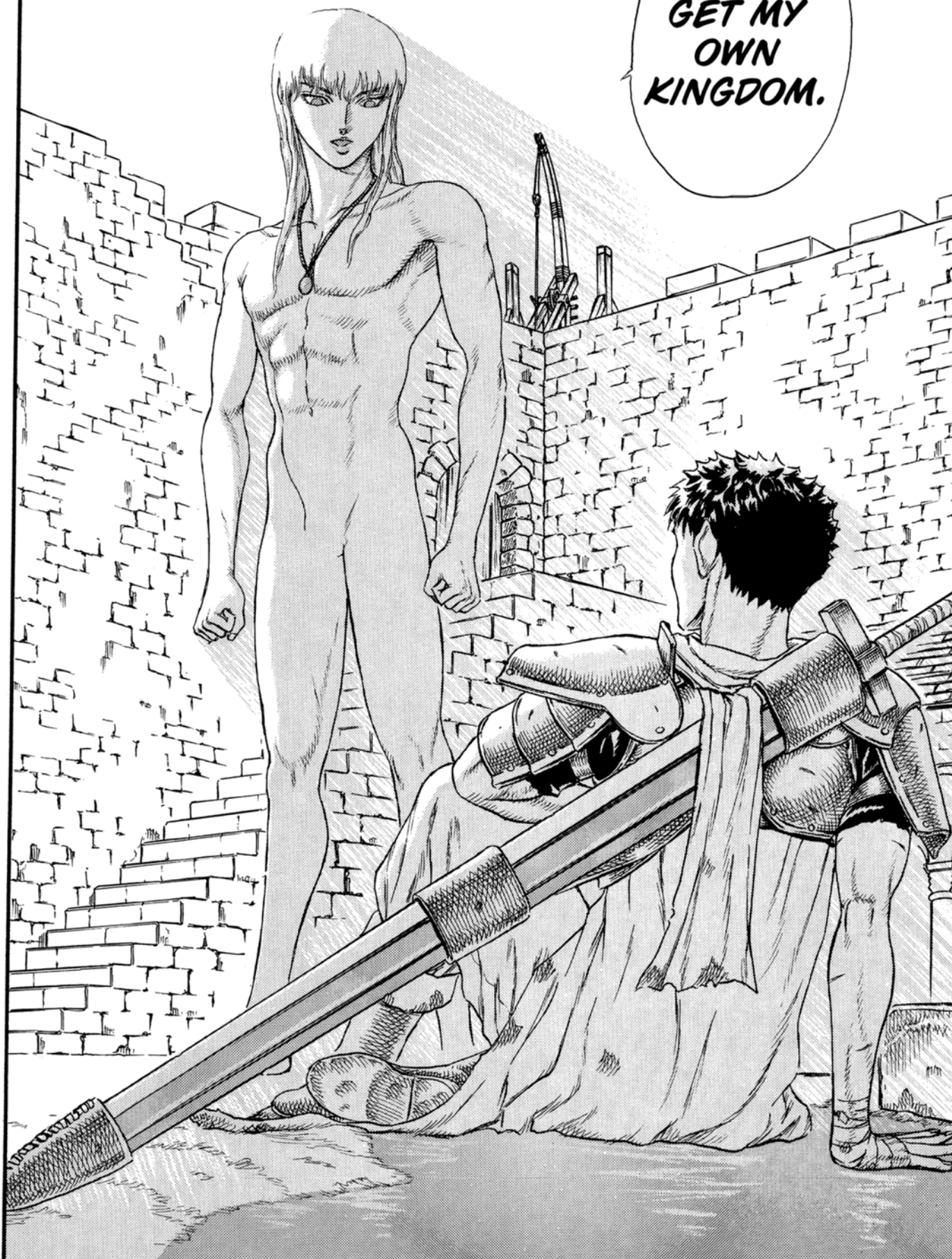
...ARE
JUST
THE
OUTSET.

JUST
THE
BEGIN-
NING...

YOU
CAN
BET
YOUR
LIFE
ON
THAT.

...ALL THE
VICTORIES
ON THE
BATTLE-
FIELD...

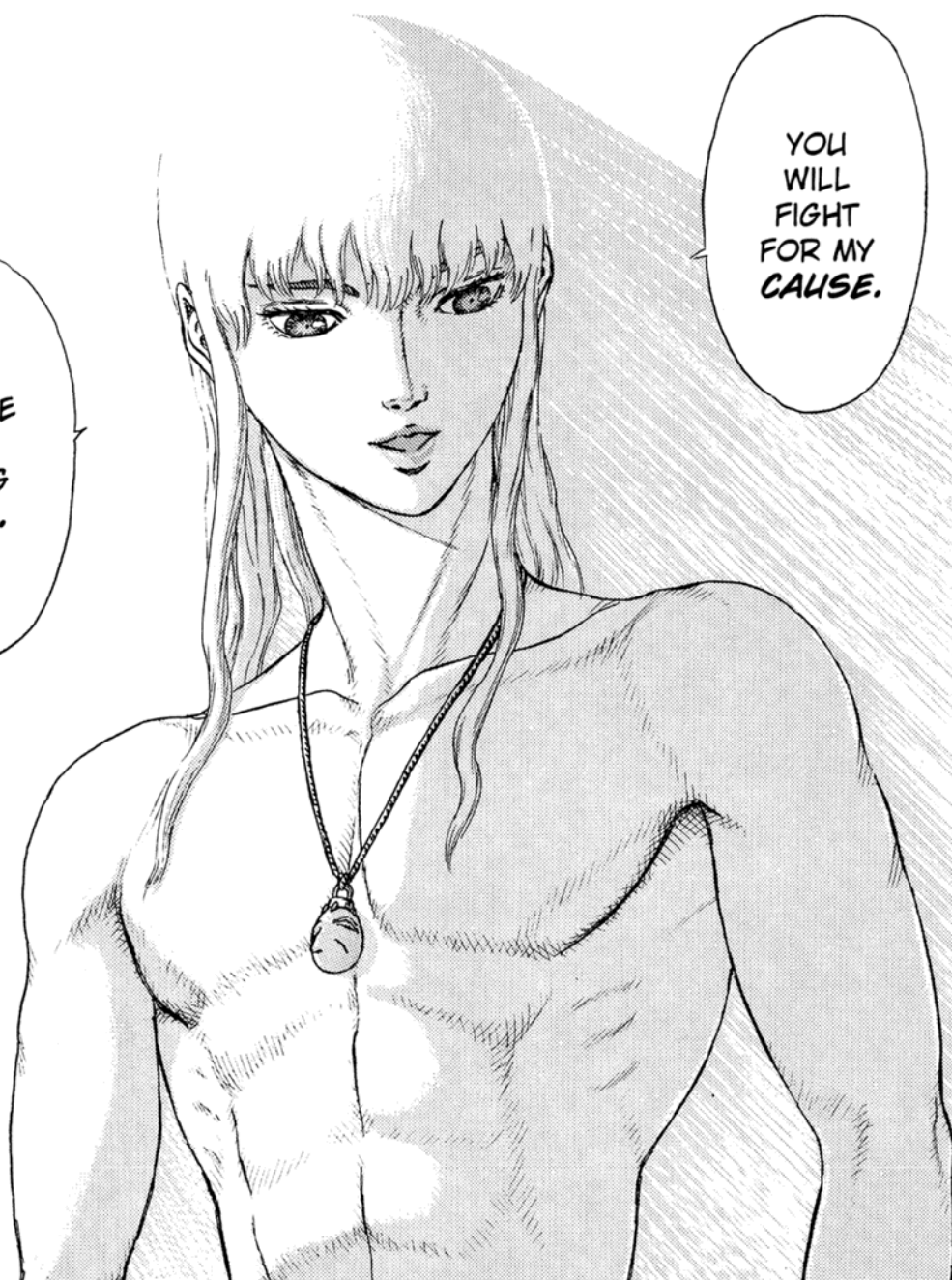
**I WILL
GET MY
OWN
KINGDOM.**

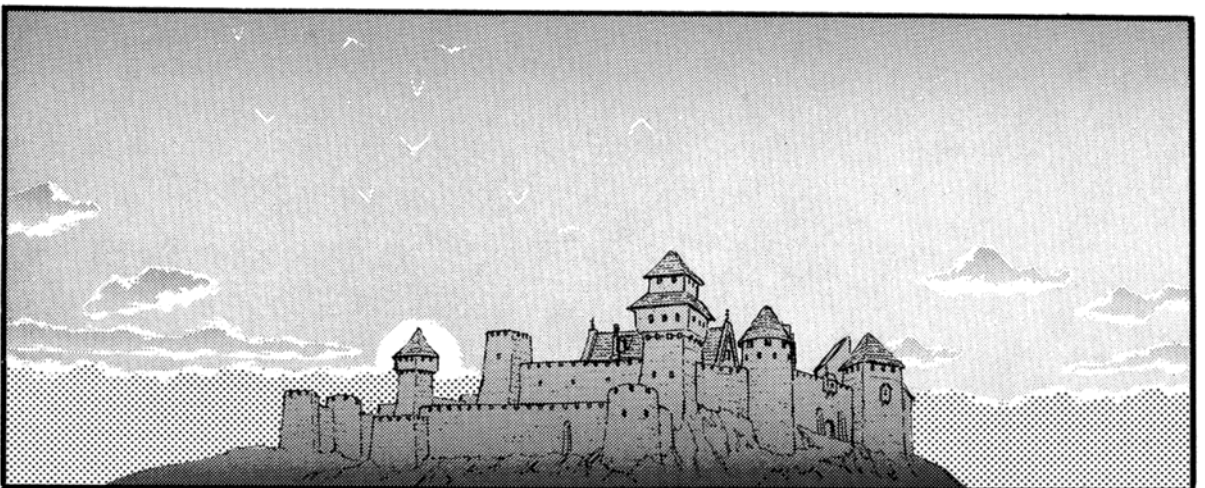
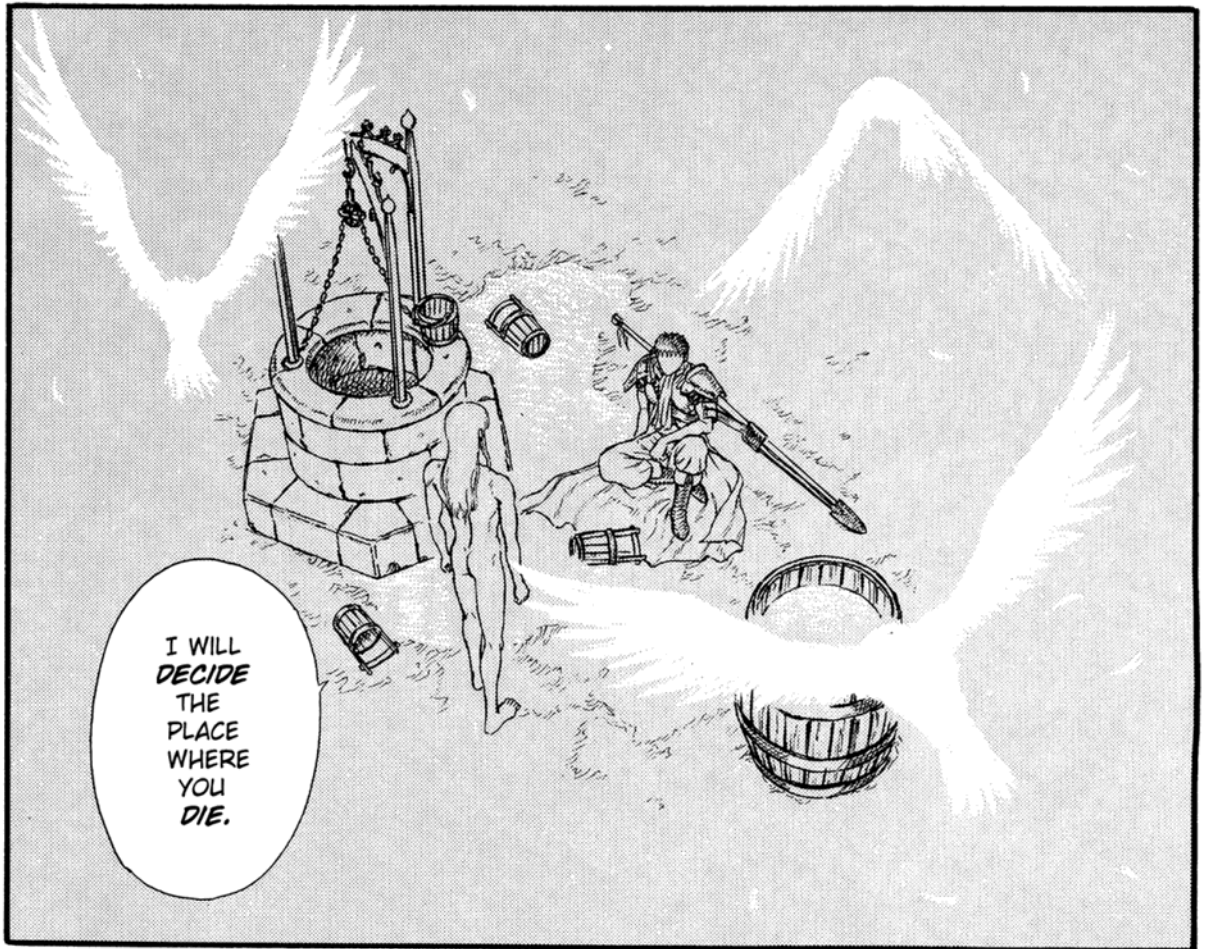


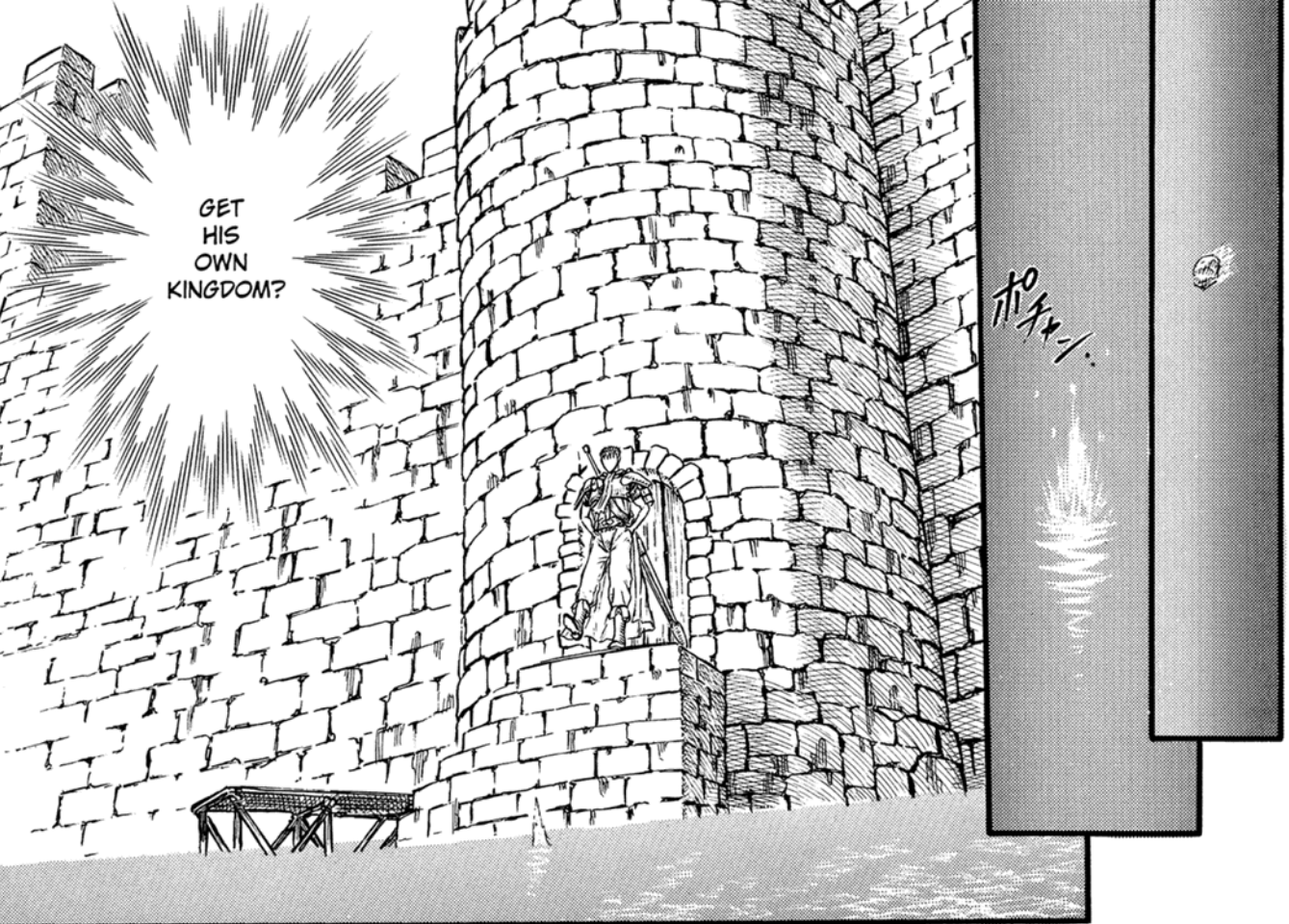


YOU
WILL
FIGHT
FOR MY
CAUSE.

BECAUSE
YOU
BELONG
TO ME.







GET
HIS
OWN
KINGDOM?

和々木...



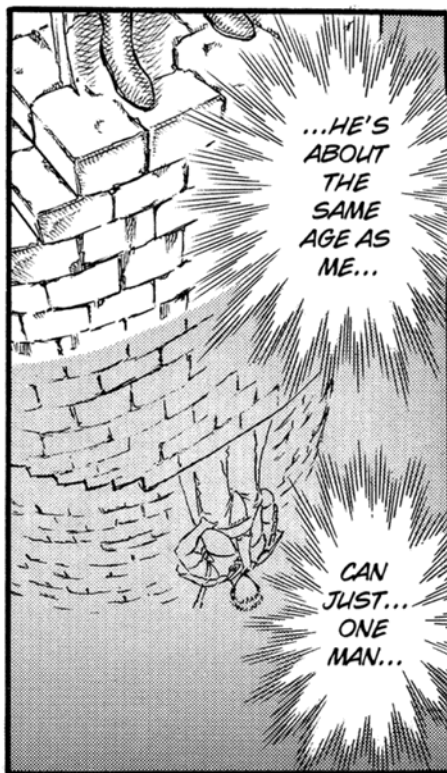
IS
HE
FOR
REAL?

HA!

...IS
GONNA
SNATCH
UP HIS
OWN
KING-
DOM...?

SO THE
COMMANDER
OF MAYBE
FIVE
HUNDRED
MERCEN-
ARIES...

HE'S
NOT
NOBILITY
OR
ROYALTY.
HE'S NOT
EVEN A
KNIGHT.



...HE'S
ABOUT
THE
SAME
AGE AS
ME...

CAN
JUST...
ONE
MAN...

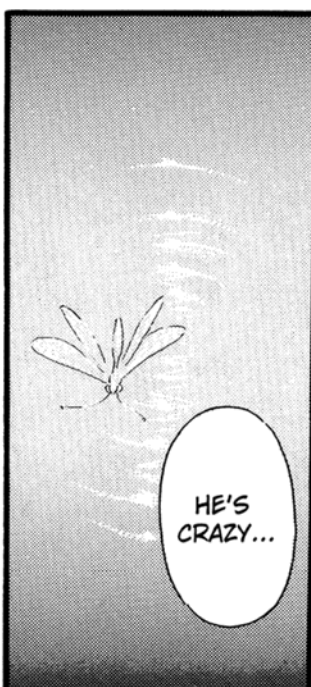
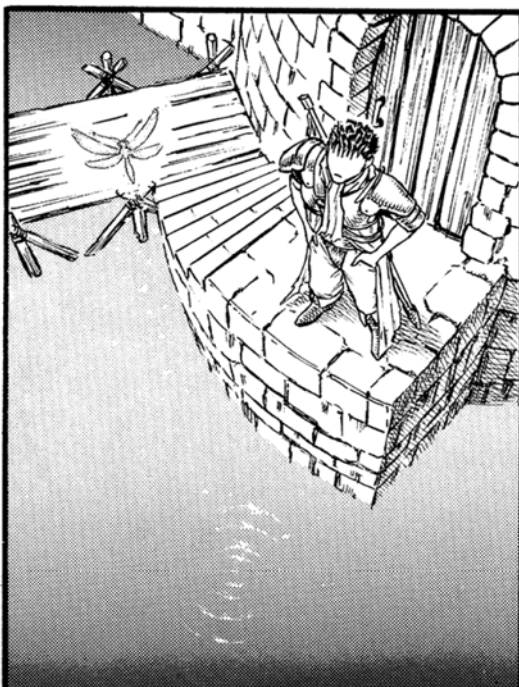


THE PUNK
SAID ALL
THAT LIKE
IT'S JUST
A MATTER
OF COURSE.



...WHEN
HE
SAYS
THAT...?

...MEAN
IT...



HE'S
CRAZY...



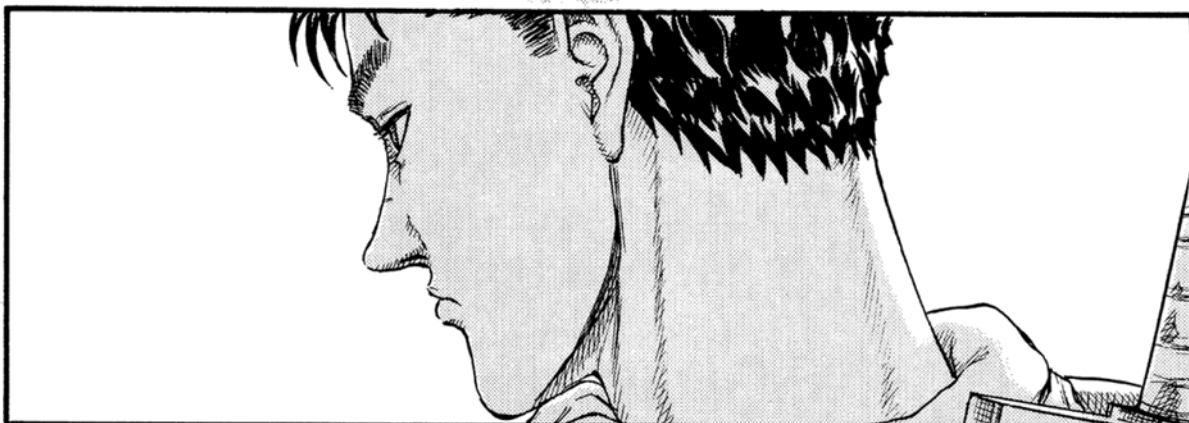
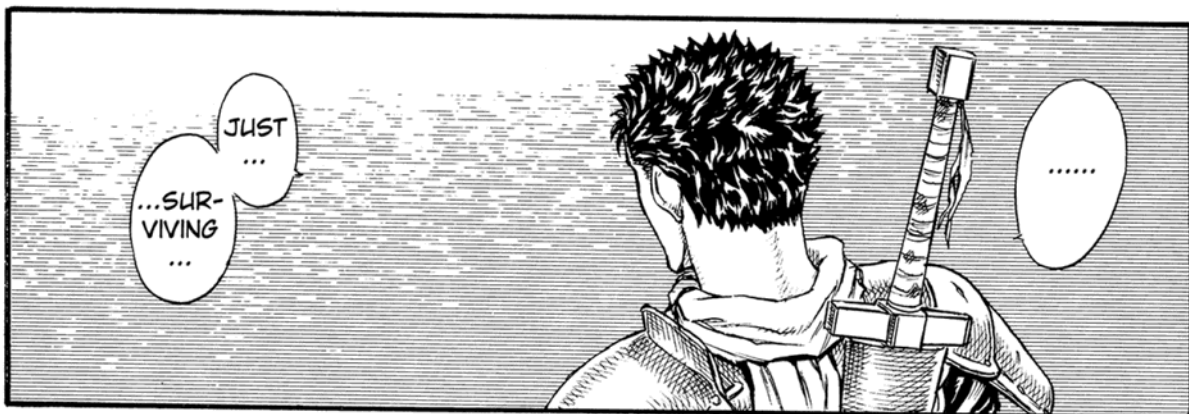
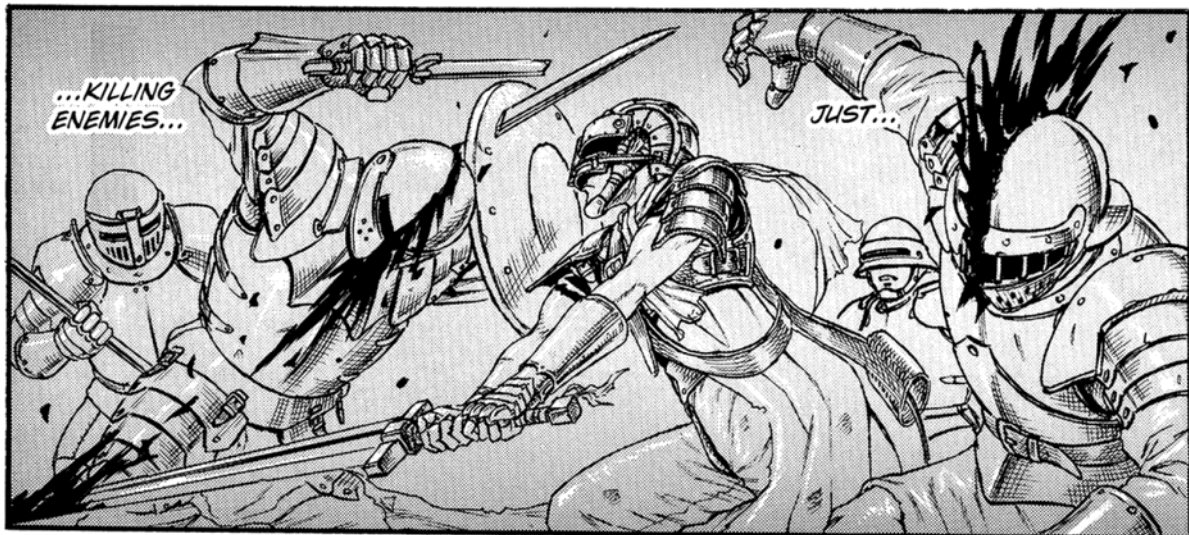


WHAT'VE
I BEEN
DOING THESE
PAST FOUR
YEARS?



RUNNIN'
AROUND
FROM ONE
BATTLEFIELD
TO THE
NEXT...







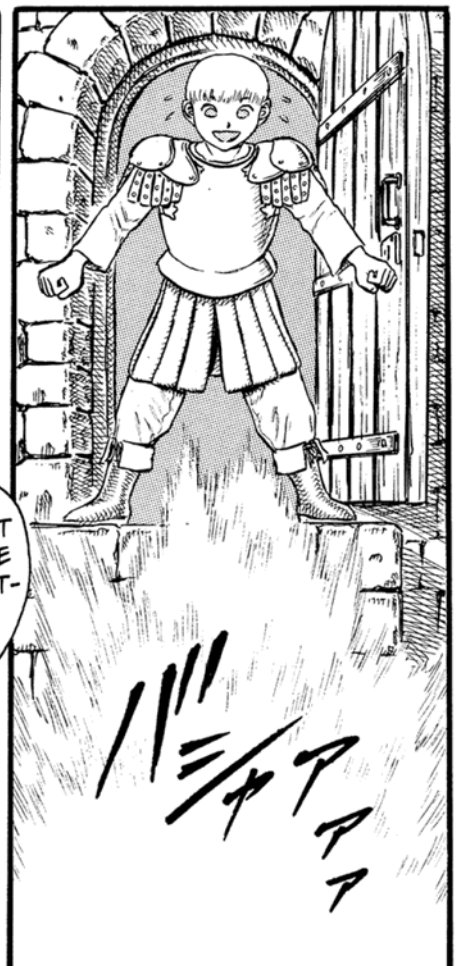
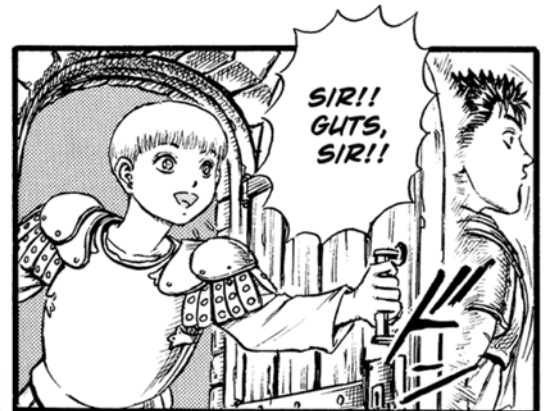
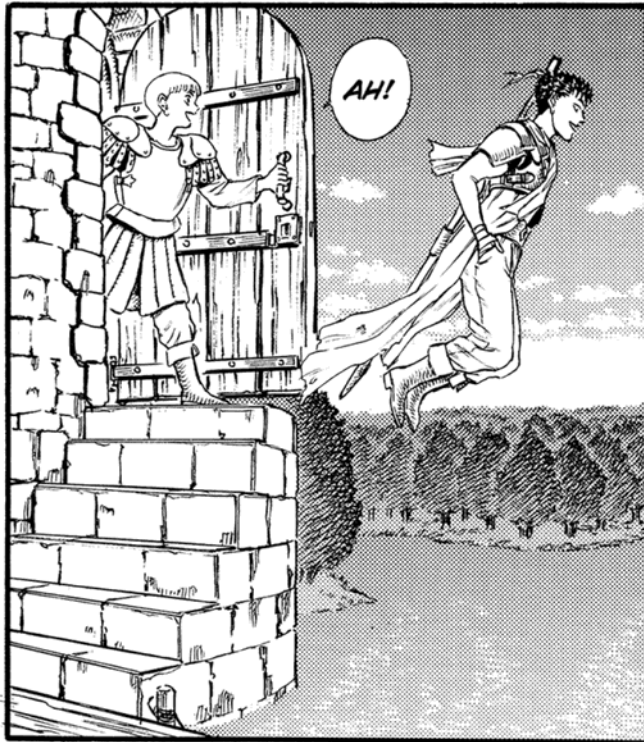
I
STILL
DON'T
HAVE...

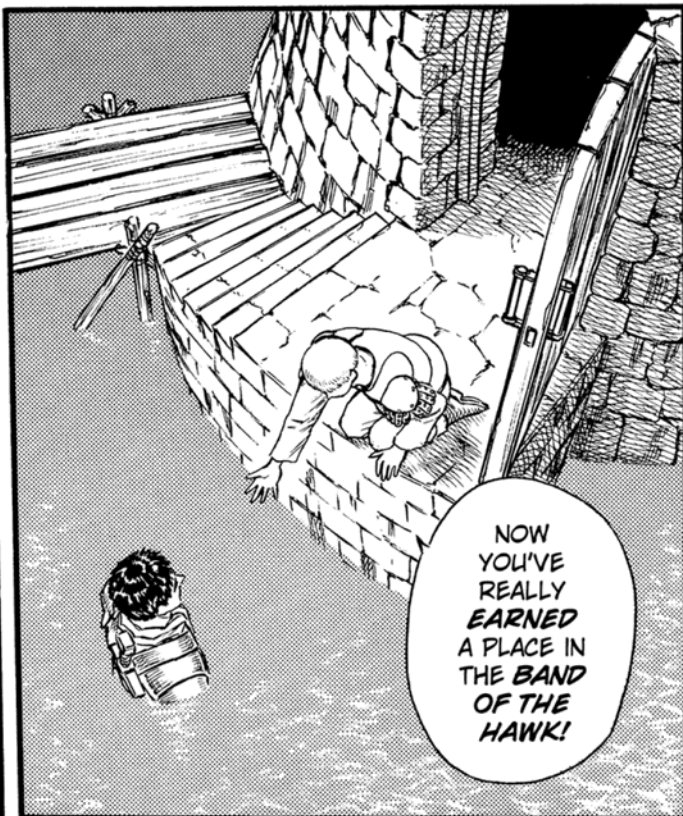
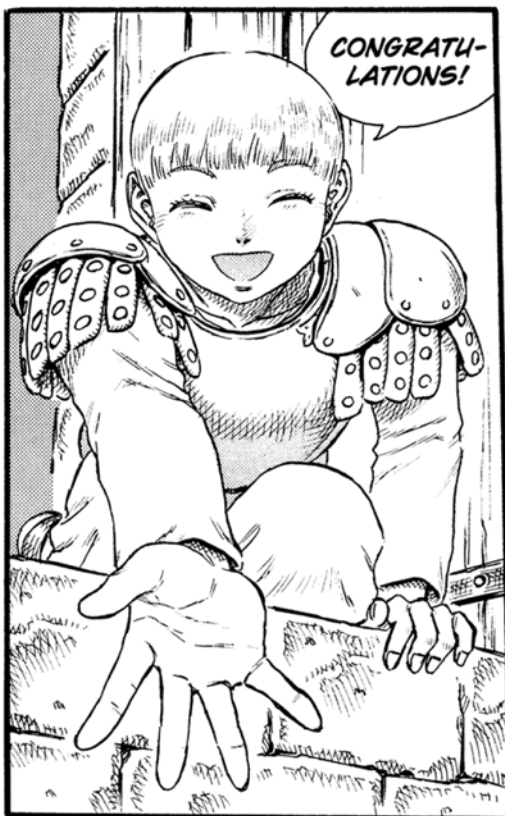
WHERE'M
I GOIN'...?

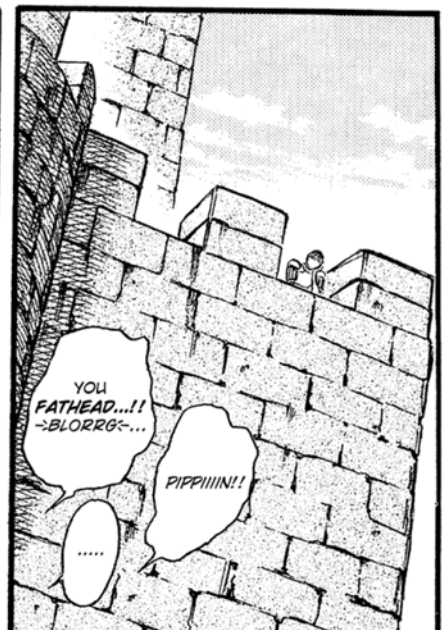
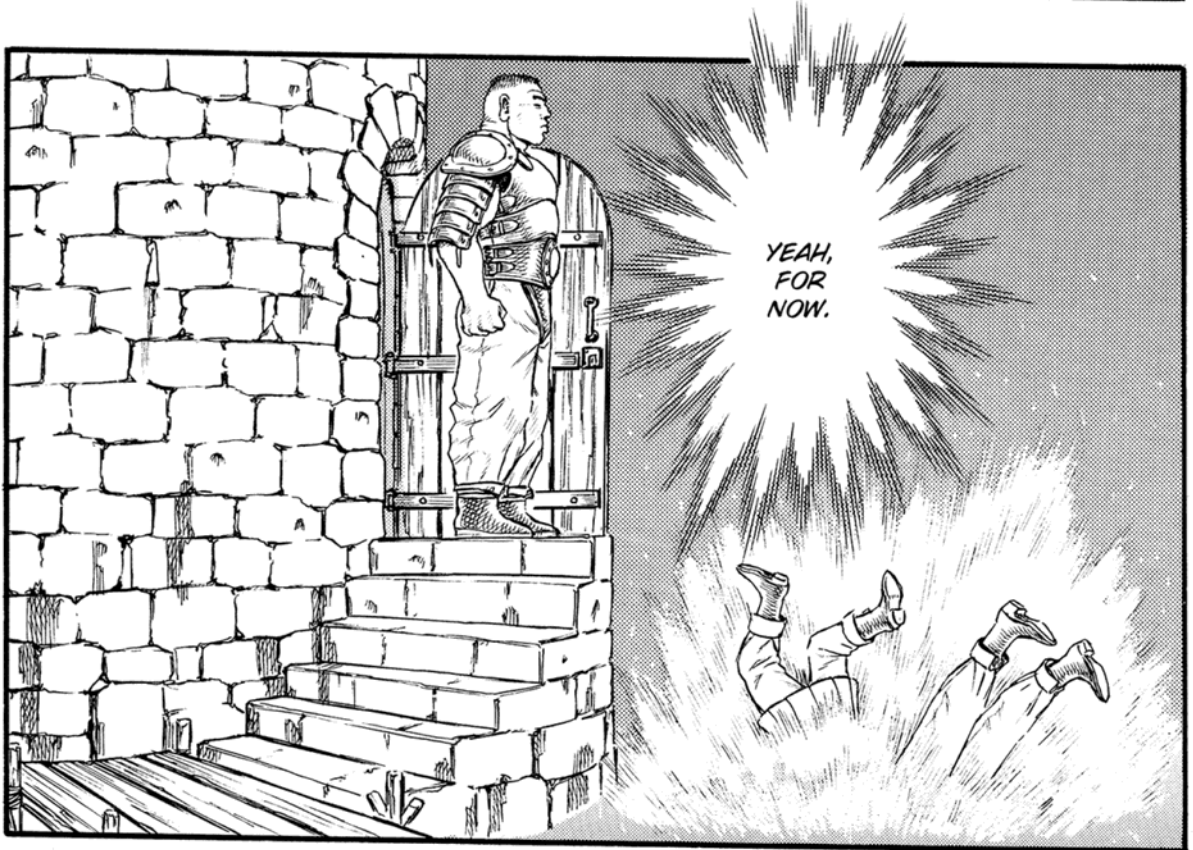


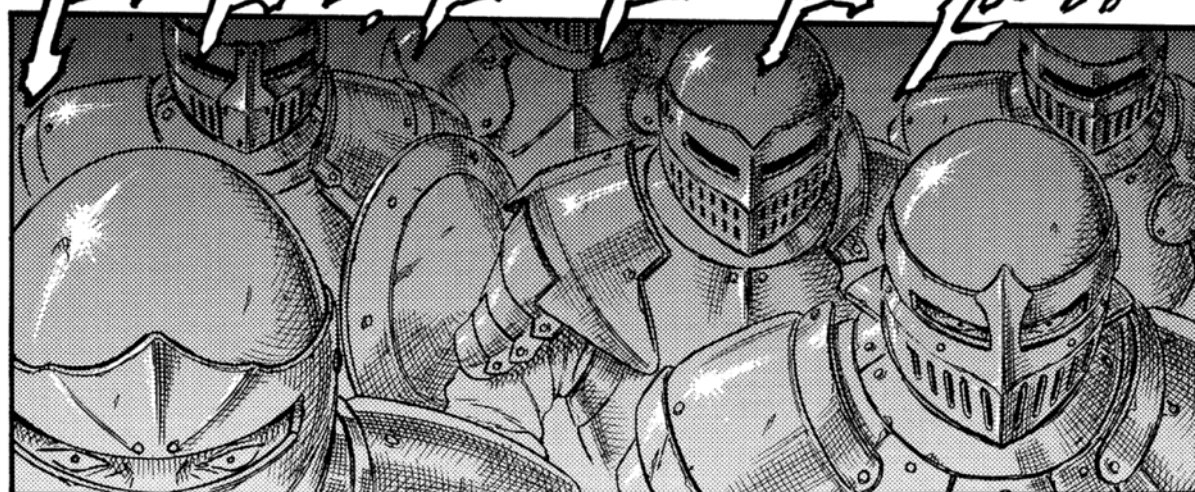
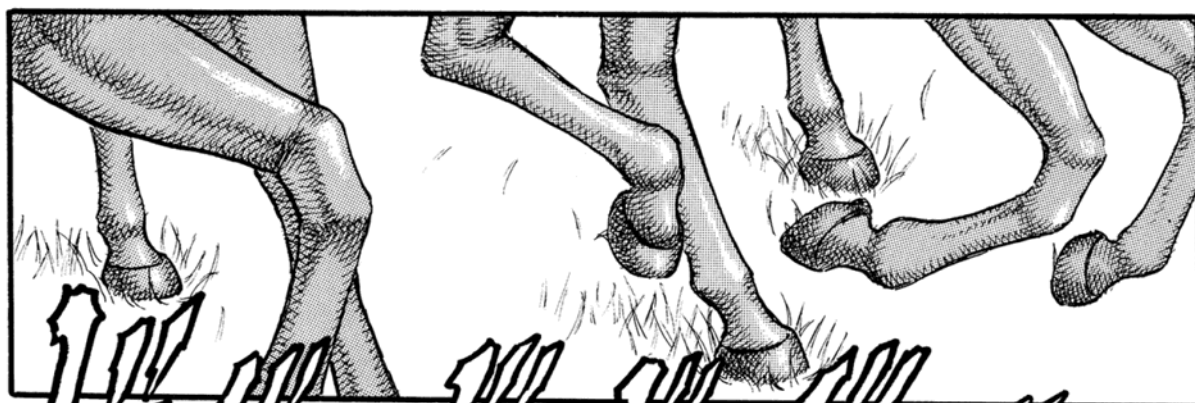
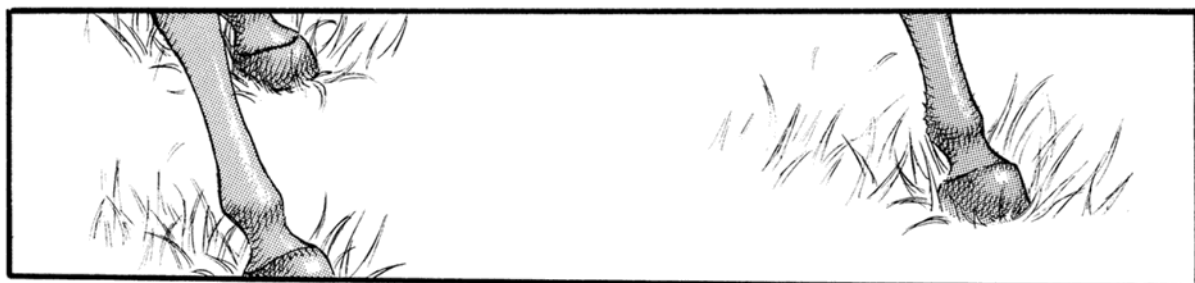
...THE
ANSWER
TO THAT
QUESTION.

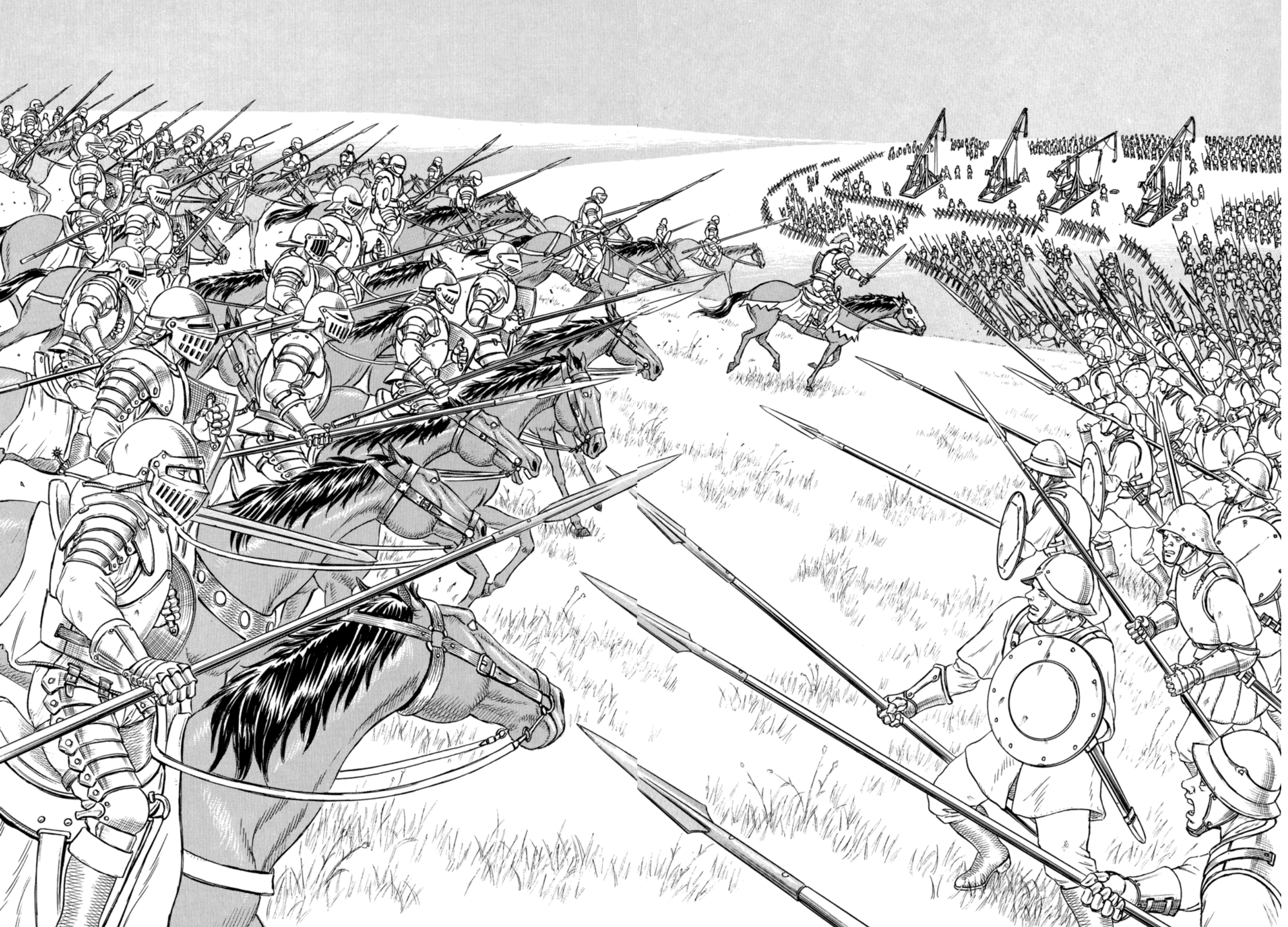
GAMBINO...

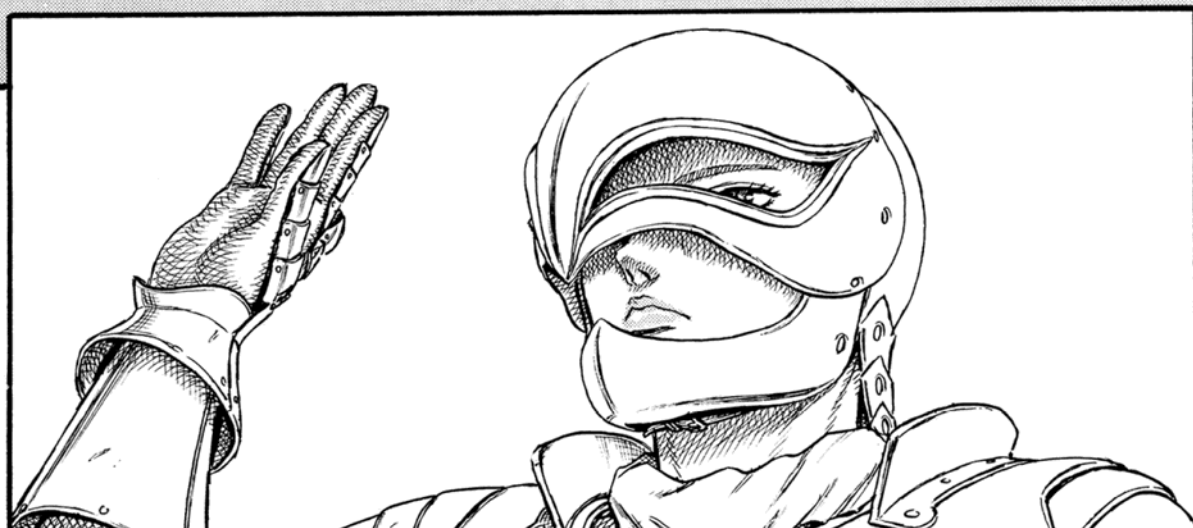
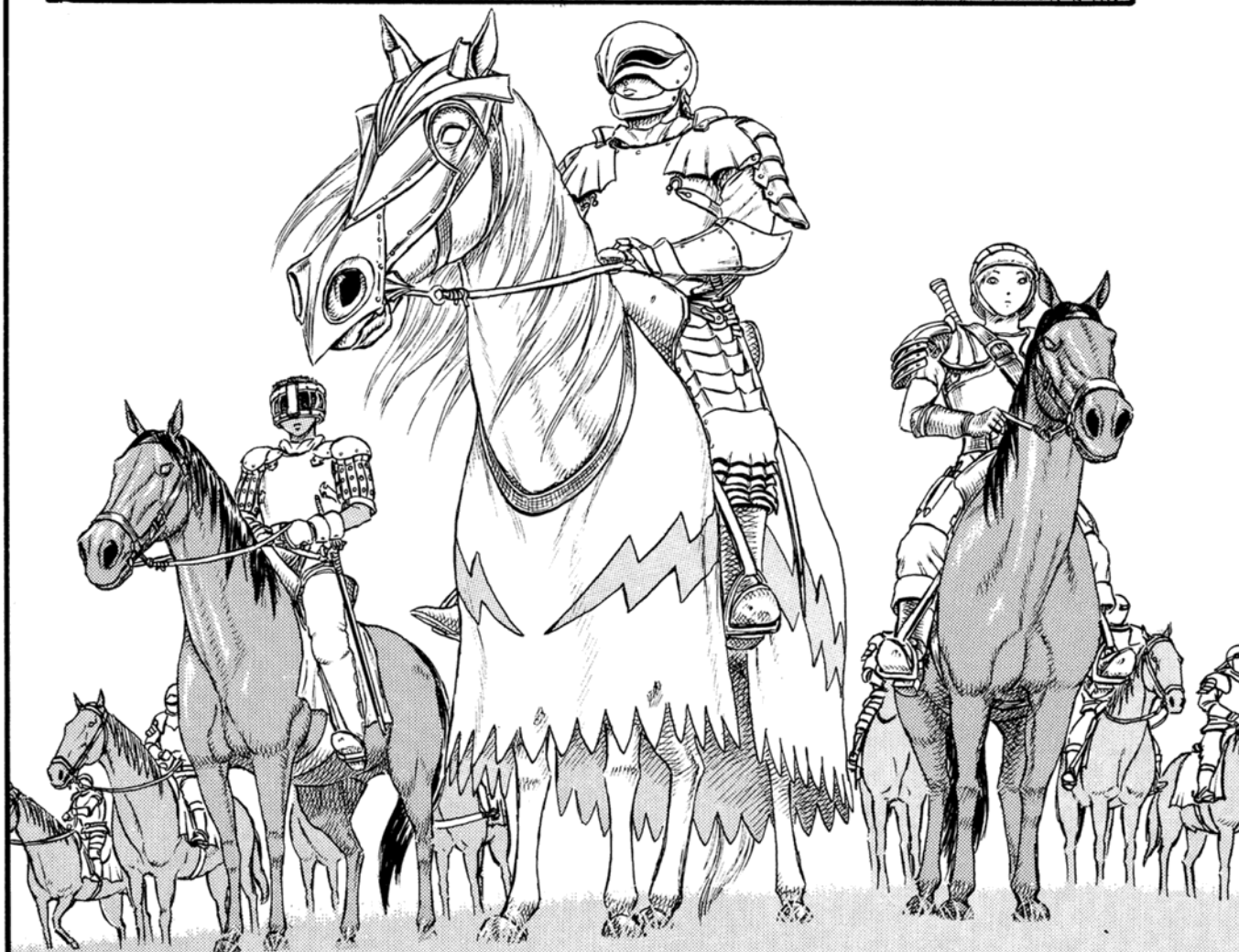


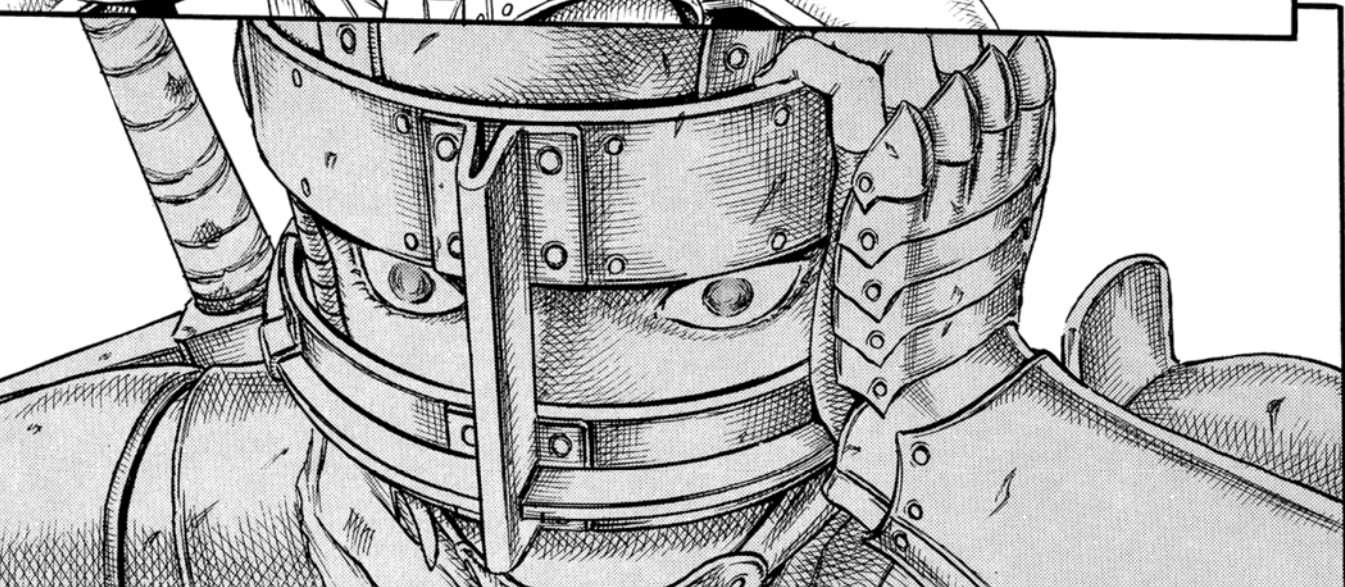
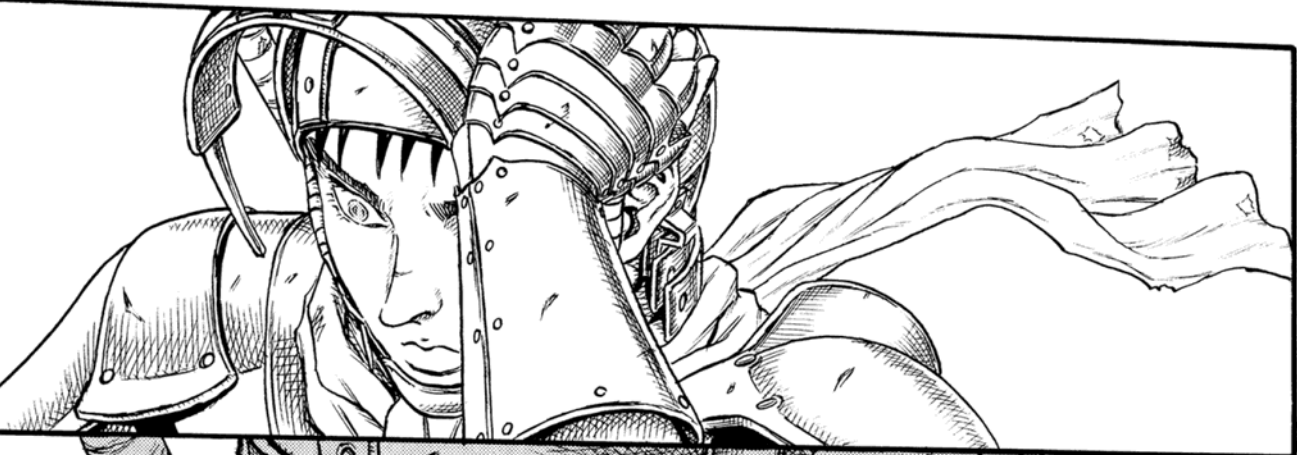
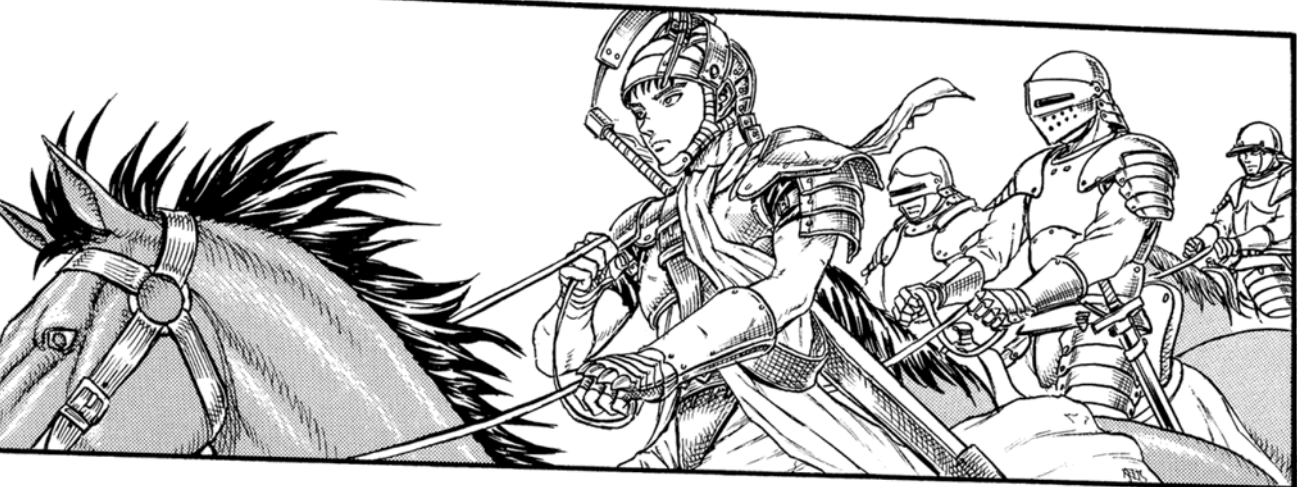
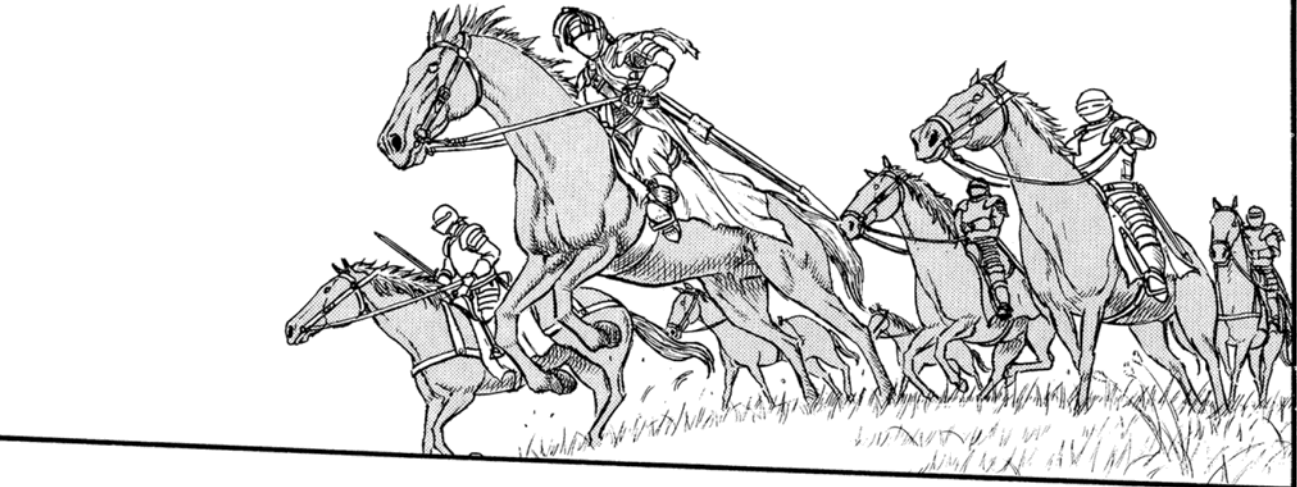


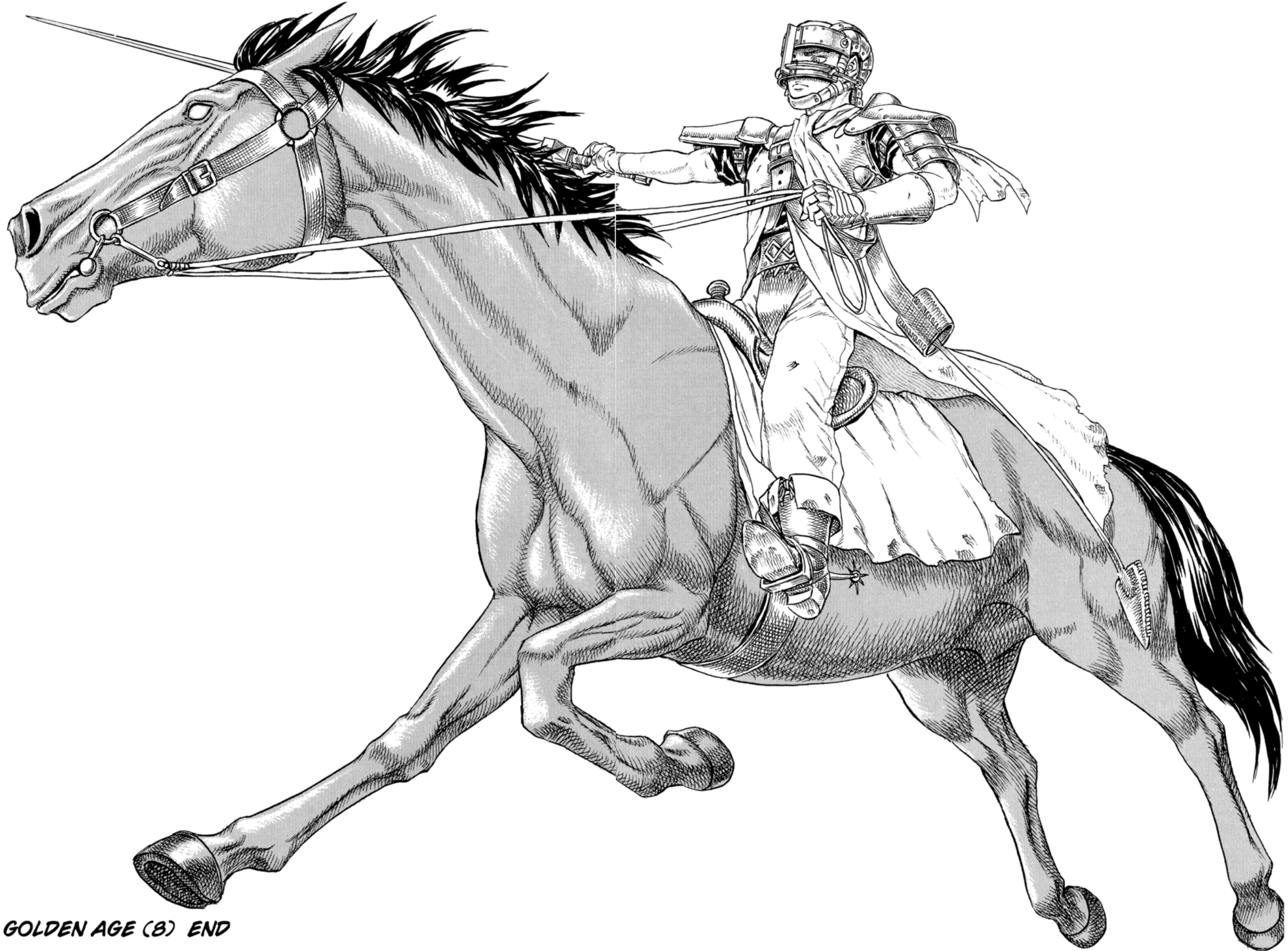




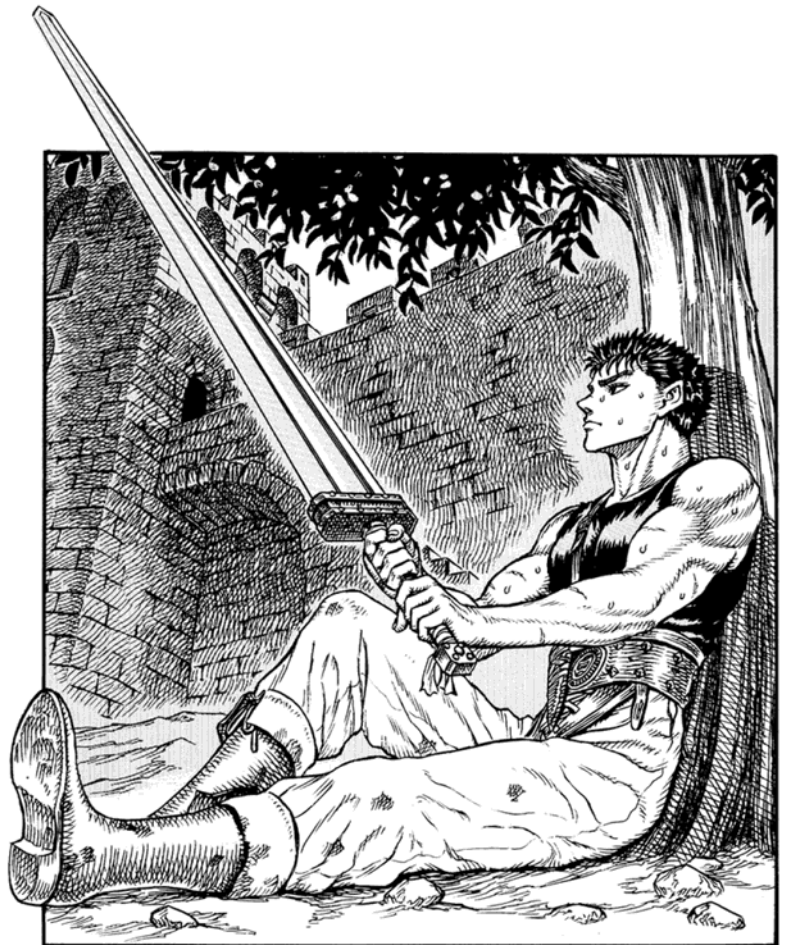








THE GOLDEN AGE (8) END



IS IT
LIKE THE
HAND OF
GOD
HOVERING
ABOVE?

IN THIS WORLD,
IS THE DESTINY
OF MANKIND
CONTROLLED
BY SOME
TRANSCENDENTAL
ENTITY OR
LAW.....?

AT LEAST,
IT IS TRUE
THAT MAN
HAS NO
CONTROL,
EVEN OVER
HIS OWN
WILL.

天世ル

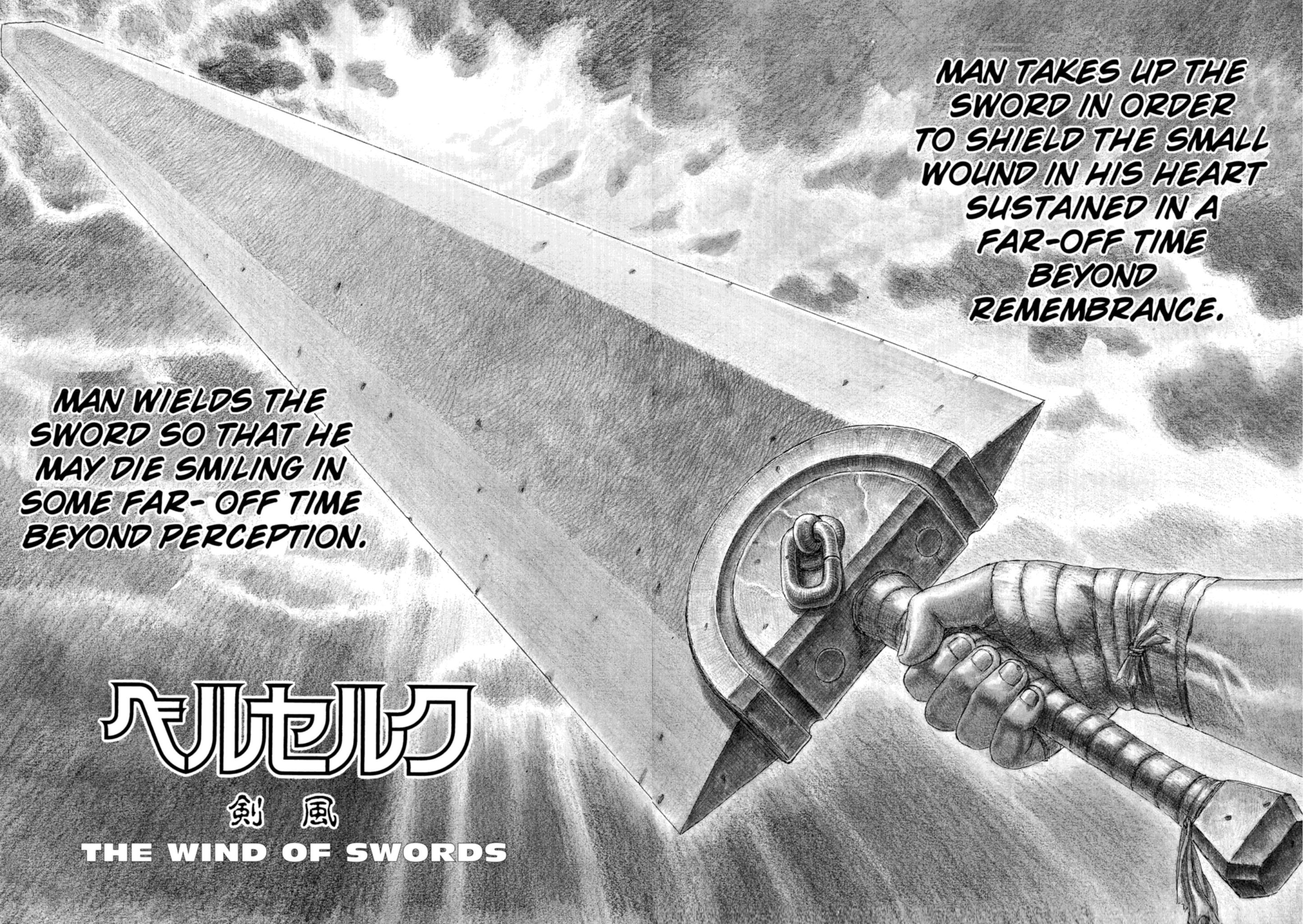
**MAN TAKES UP THE
SWORD IN ORDER
TO SHIELD THE SMALL
WOUND IN HIS HEART
SUSTAINED IN A
FAR-OFF TIME
BEYOND
REMEMBRANCE.**

**MAN WIELDS THE
SWORD SO THAT HE
MAY DIE SMILING IN
SOME FAR-OFF TIME
BEYOND PERCEPTION.**

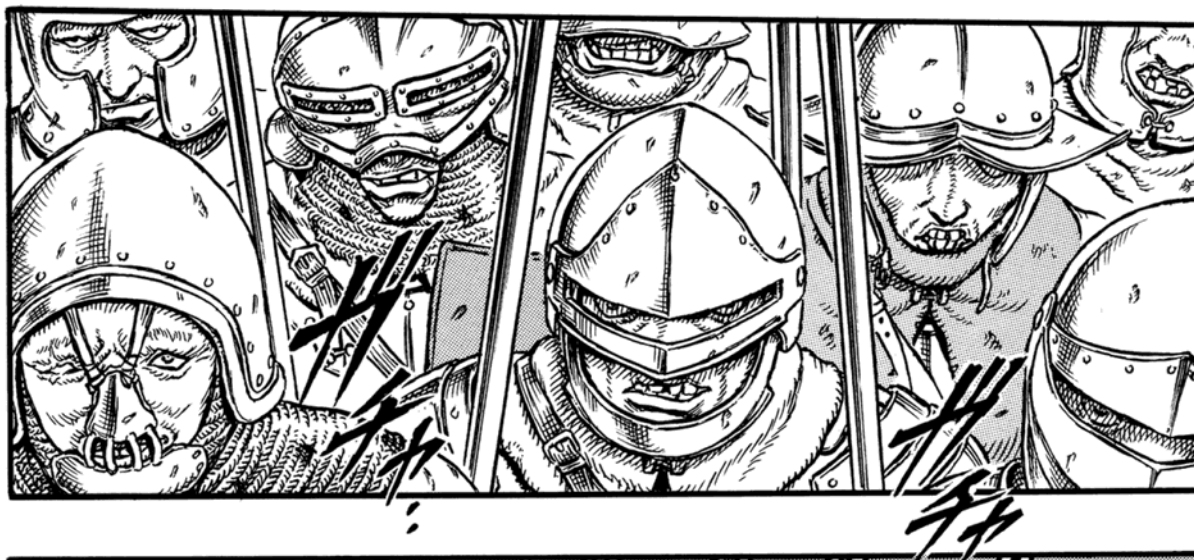
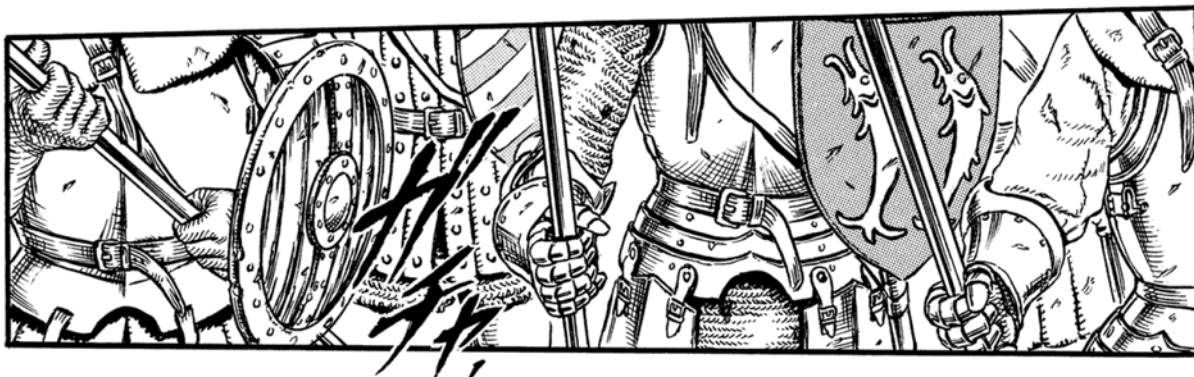
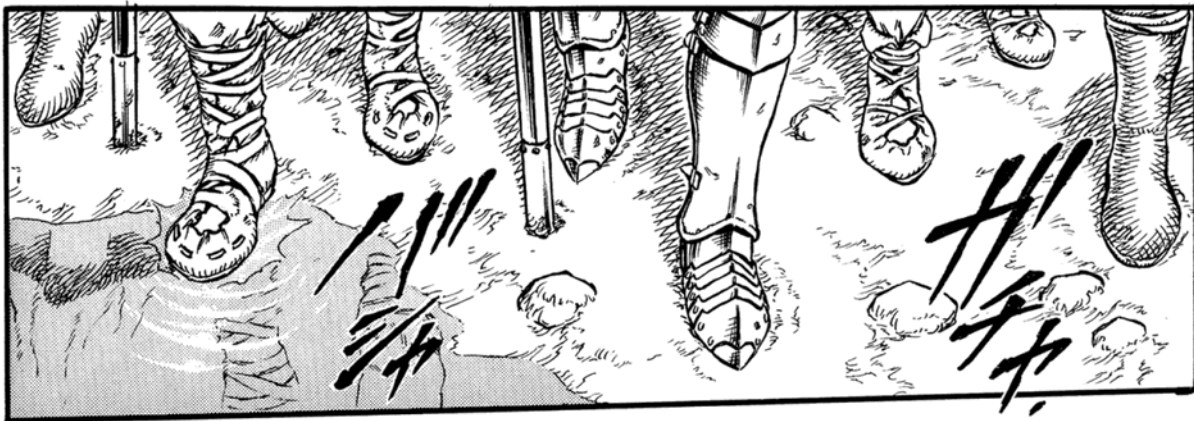
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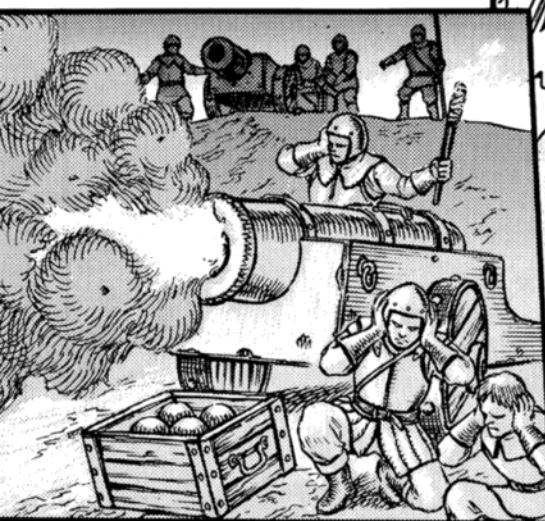
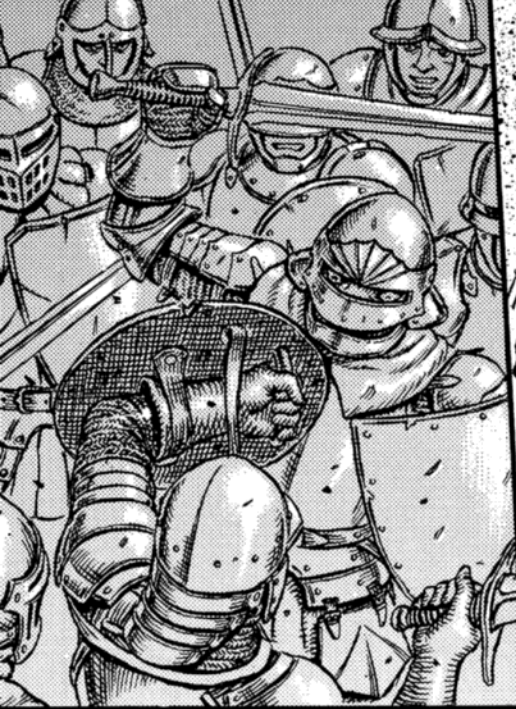
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THE WIND OF SWORDS

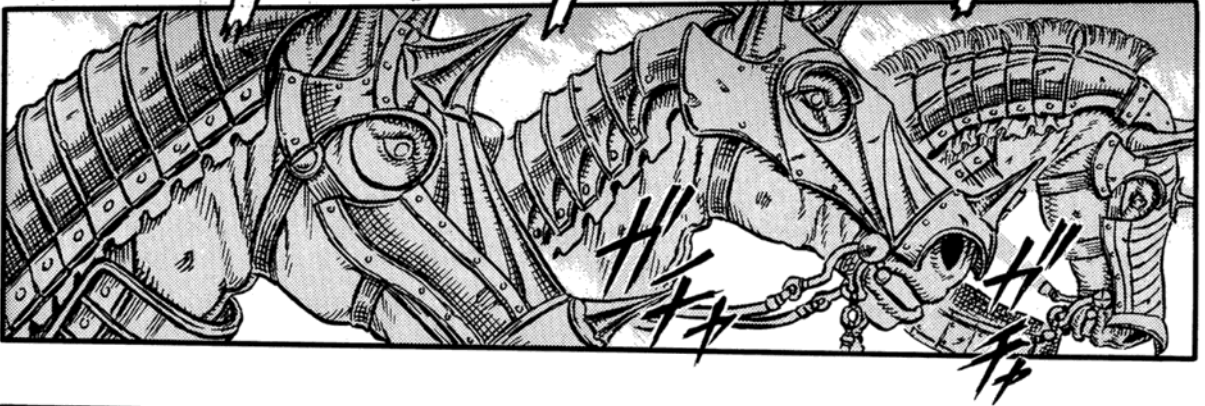
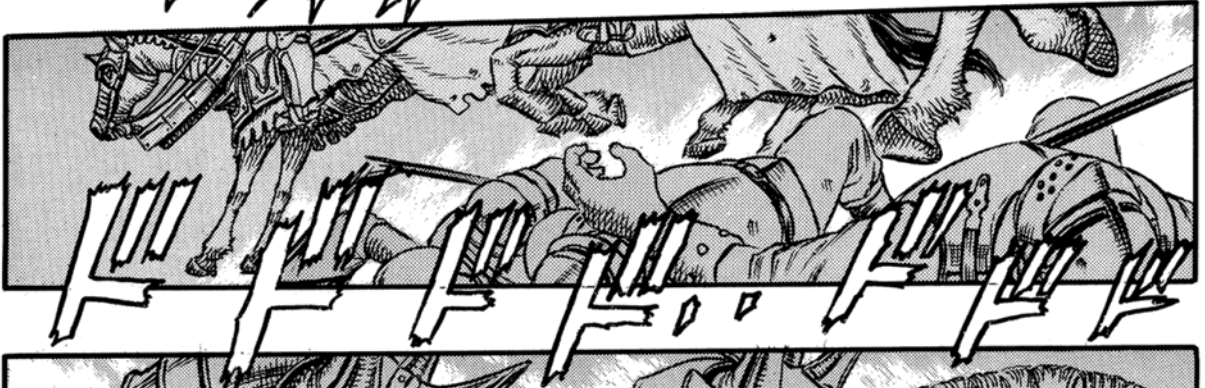
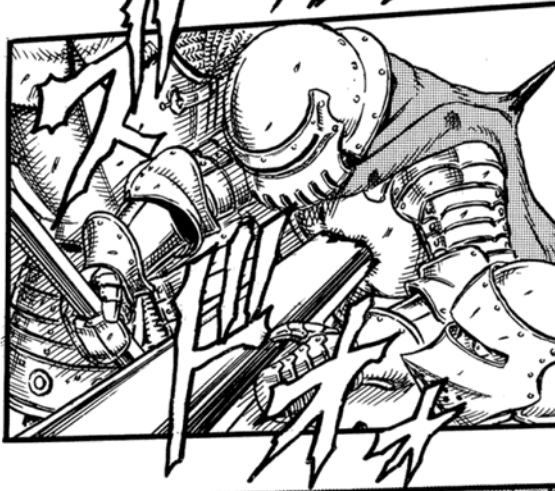
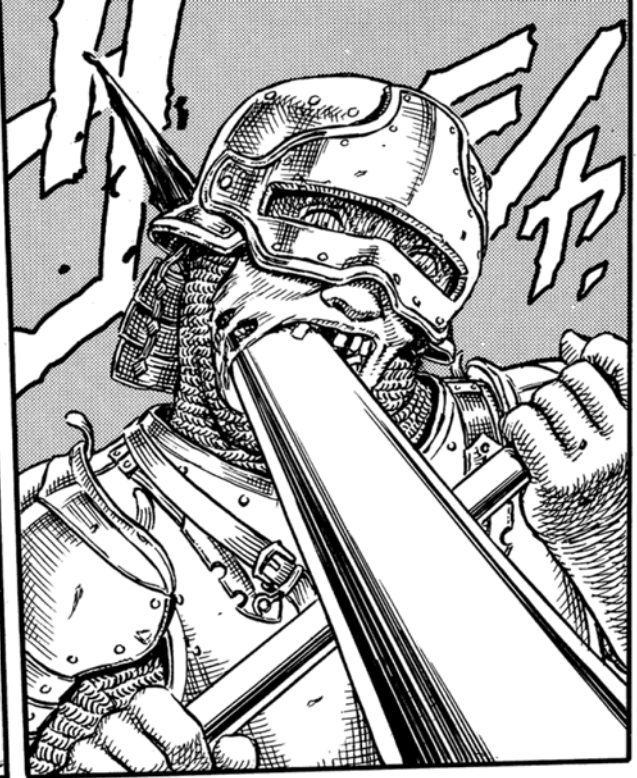
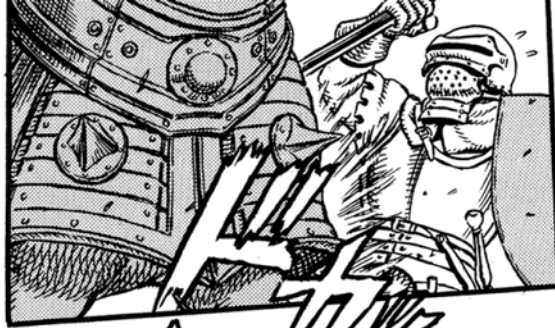








THE
WAR
HAS
GONE
ON FOR
ONE
HUNDRED
YEARS.



TRAMPLE
THEM
DOWN!!!

ONWARD,
ONWARD!!



SHOW THE WHOLE LAND
HOW VALIANT ARE WE OF
THE BLACK RAM IRON
LANCE HEAVY CAVALRY!!



CRUSH
THEM!!

KILL
THEM!!





ANYONE
.....

ANYONE
WILL
DO.....

IS THERE NO ONE
IN MIDLAND WHO
CAN STOP THESE
BLACK DEVILS
OF CHUDER?!

WHAT
ARE OUR
GENERALS
DOING?!



WHAT A *DISASTER!!*
TO THINK THAT
A MERE THREE
THOUSAND HORSEMEN
COULD CONFOUND
US SO...!!



THE ENEMY'S
**BLACK RAM IRON
LANCE HEAVY
CAVALRY** ARE SO
FIERCE, WE'RE
SUSTAINING
**HEAVY
LOSSES!!**

REPORT-
ING,
SIRE!!

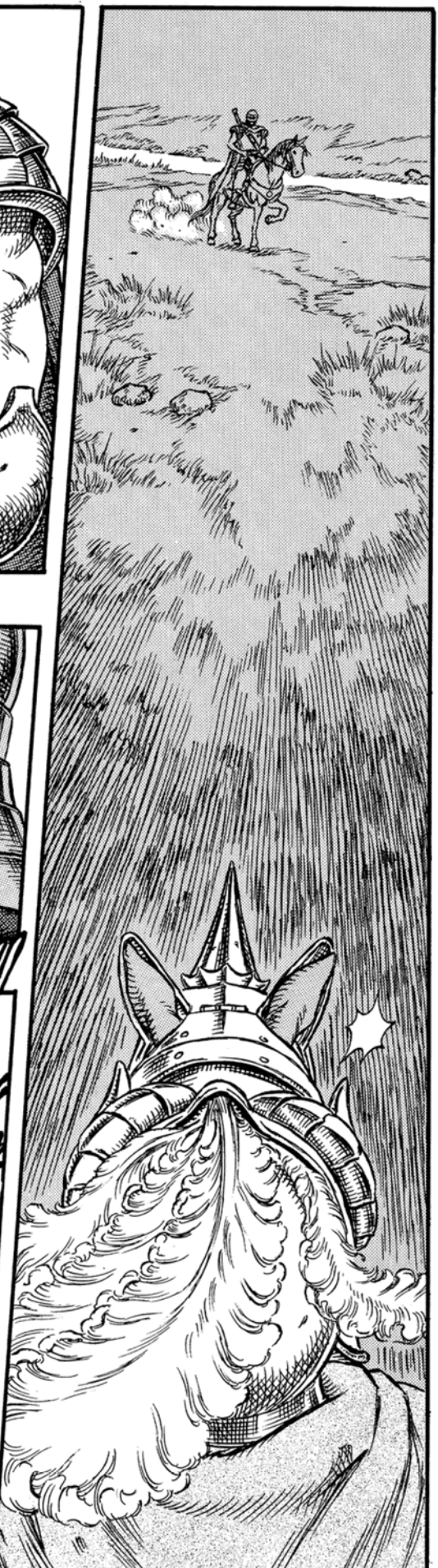
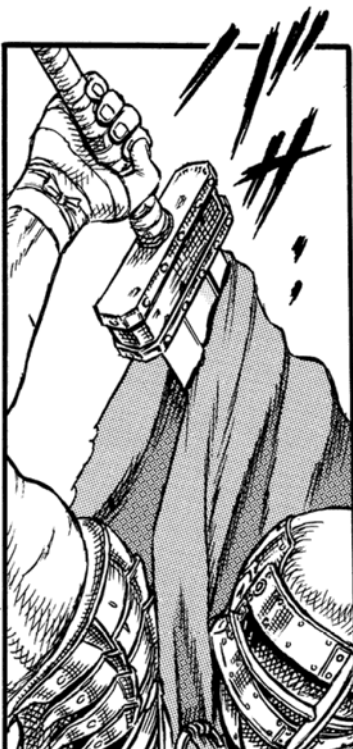
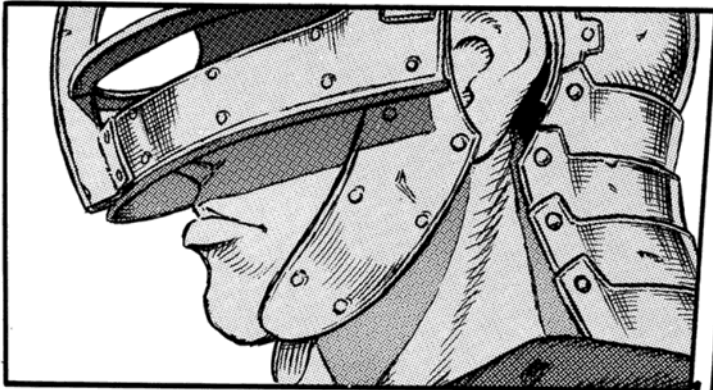
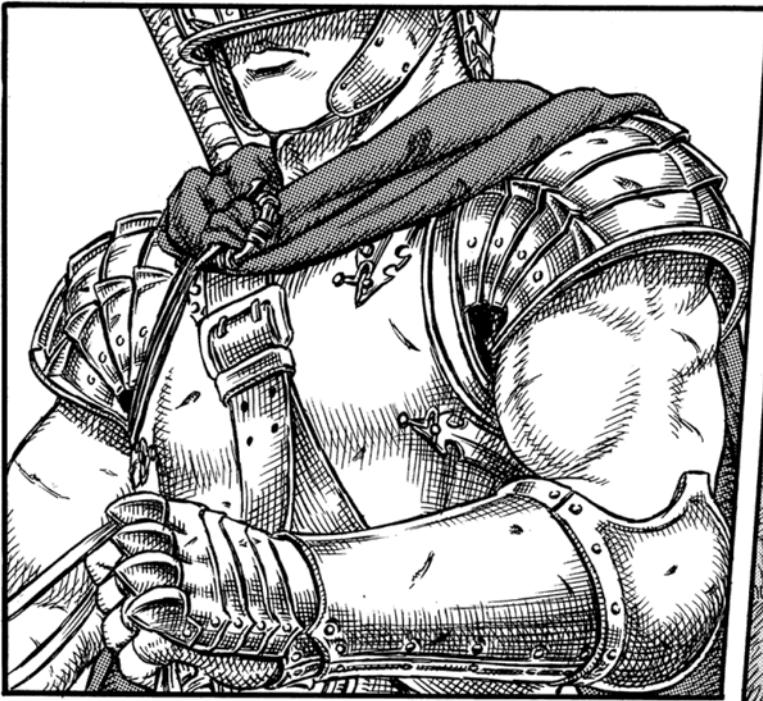
AT THIS
RATE EVEN OUR
HEADQUARTERS
HERE MAY BE
IN **DANGER....!!**

UNGGGH
...

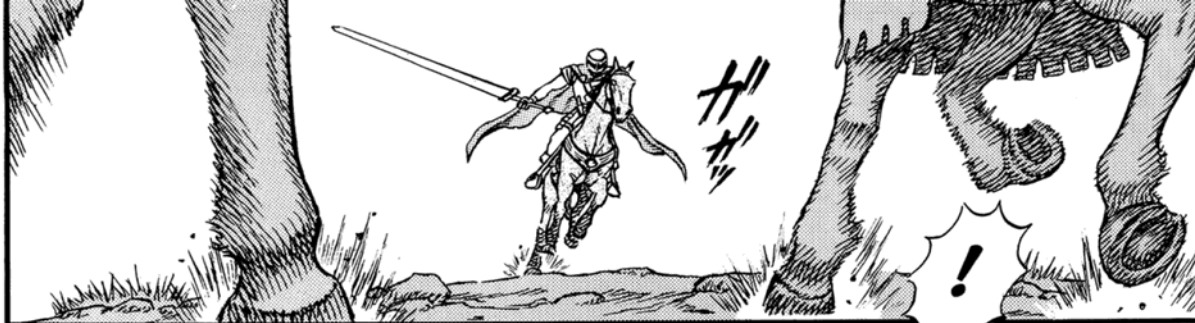


ONWARD,
ONWARD!!

HAA!

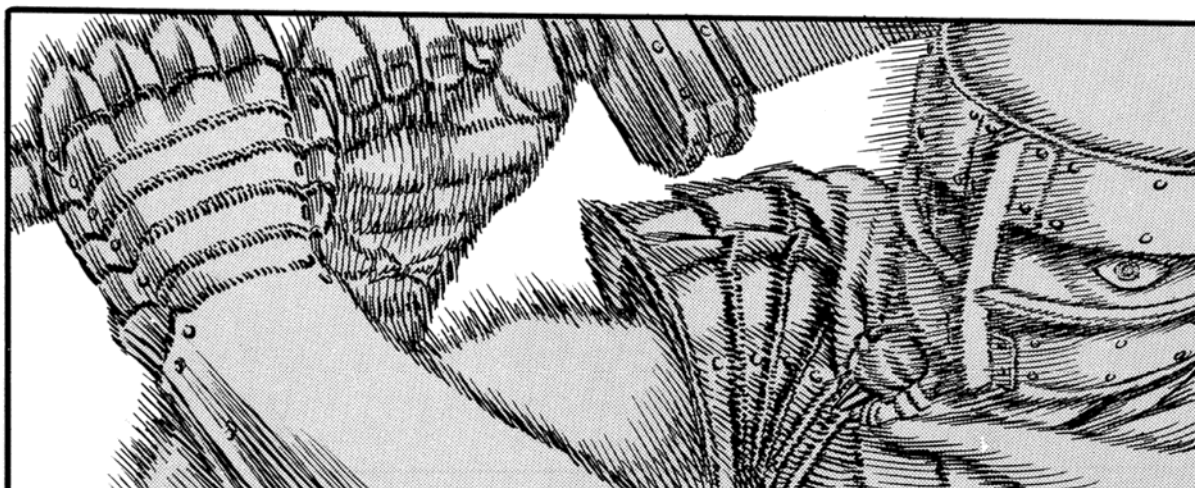
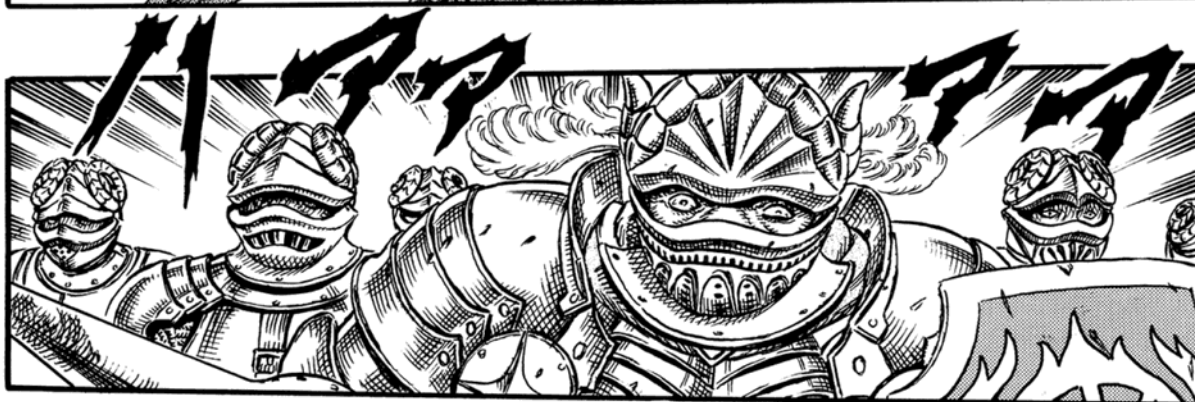


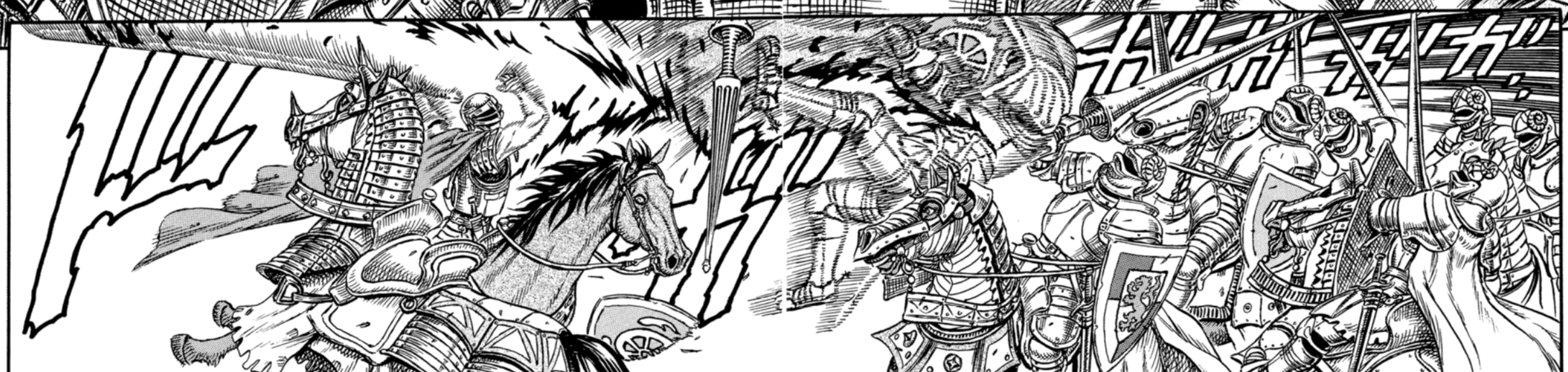
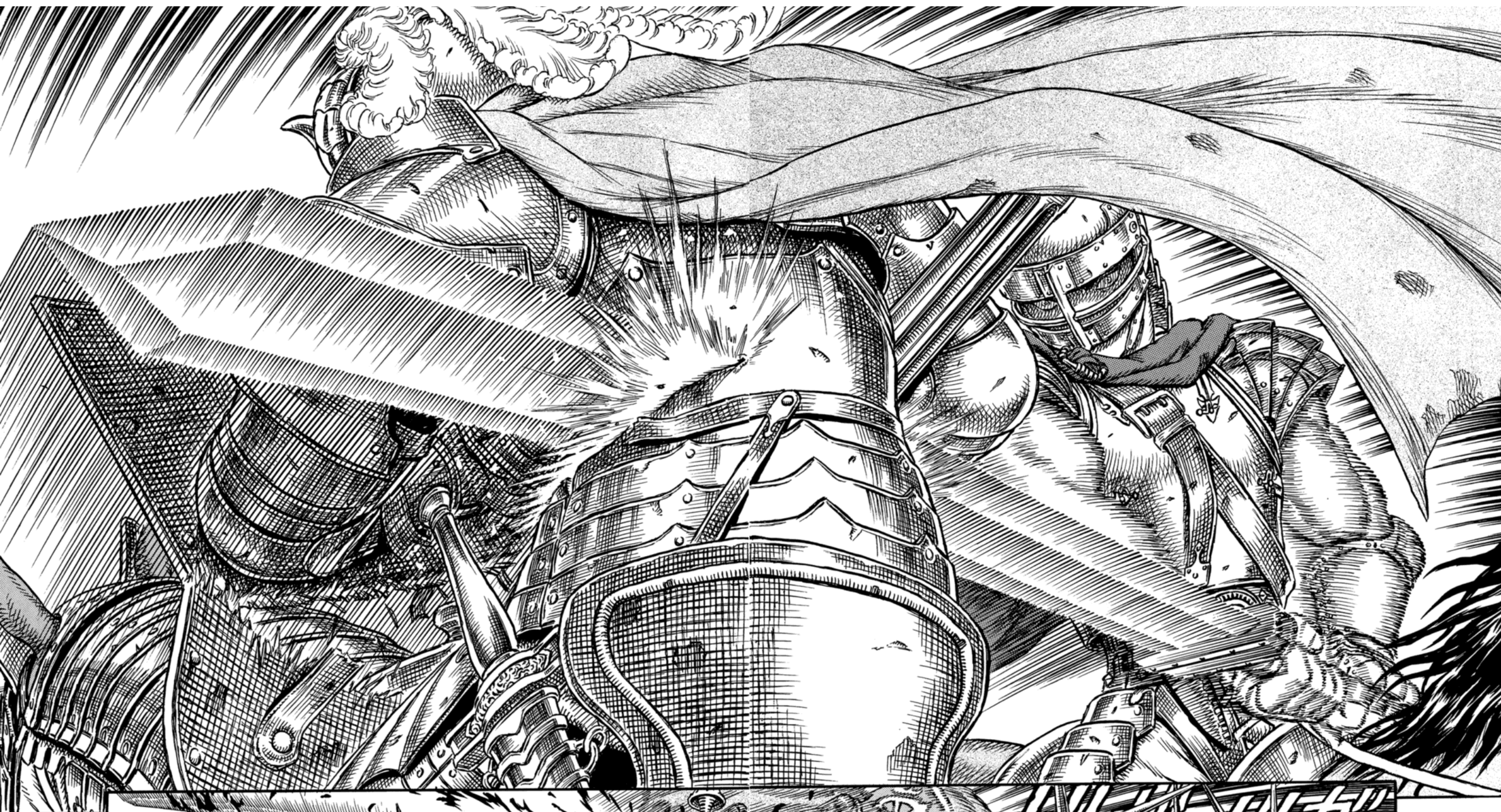




SO
BE IT!!
WE'LL
MOW
YOU
DOWN!!

NONSENSE.....!!
ONE HORSEMAN
AGAINST THE BLACK
RAM IRON LANCE
HEAVY CAVALRY?!





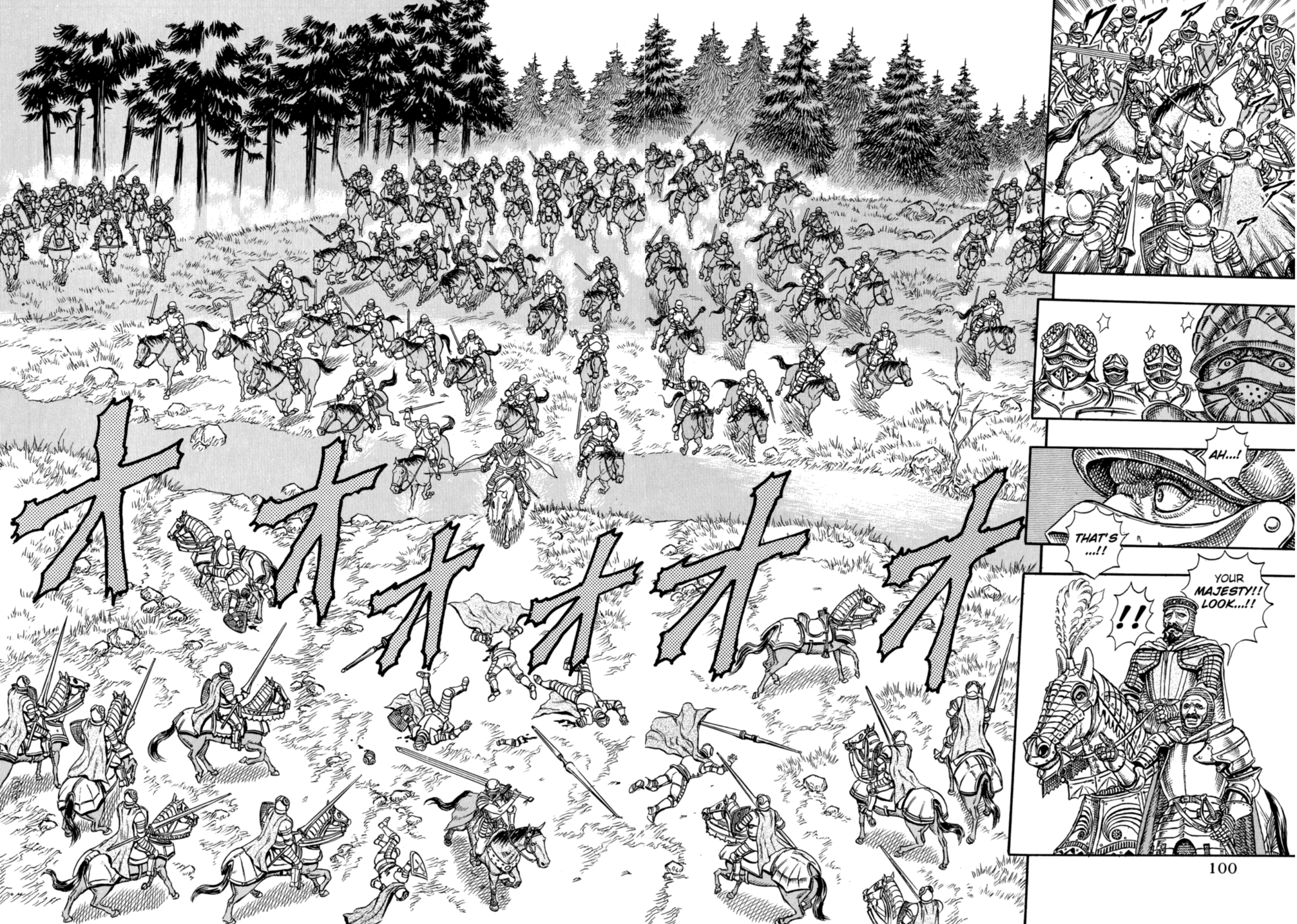




HE'S ONLY
ONE RIDER!!
SURROUND
HIM! DON'T
LET HIM
MOVE!!

D...
DON'T
BREAK
RANK!!



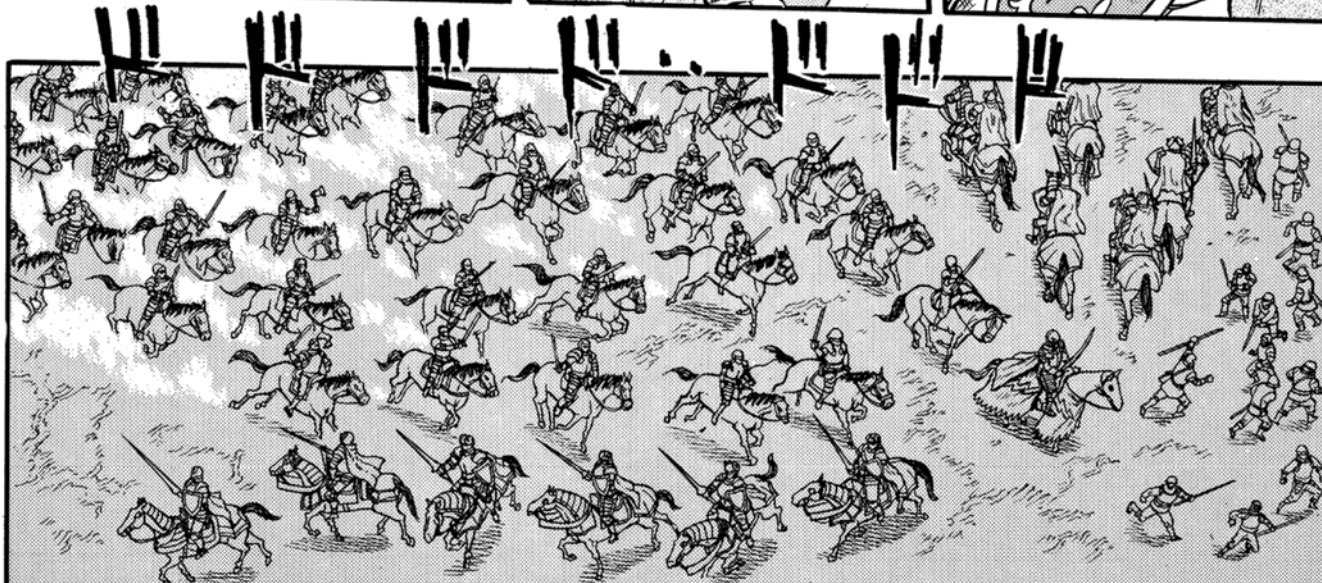
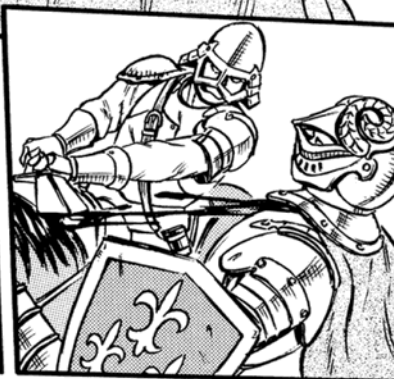
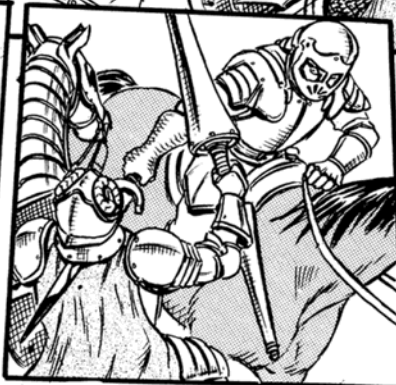
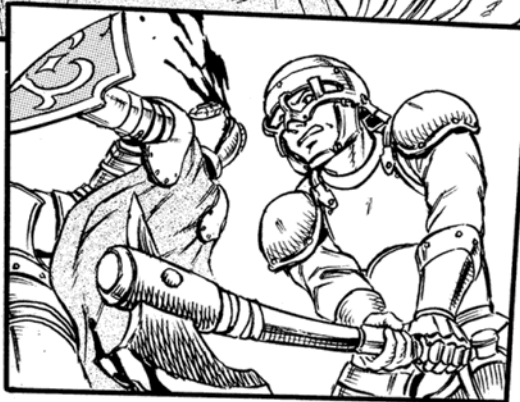


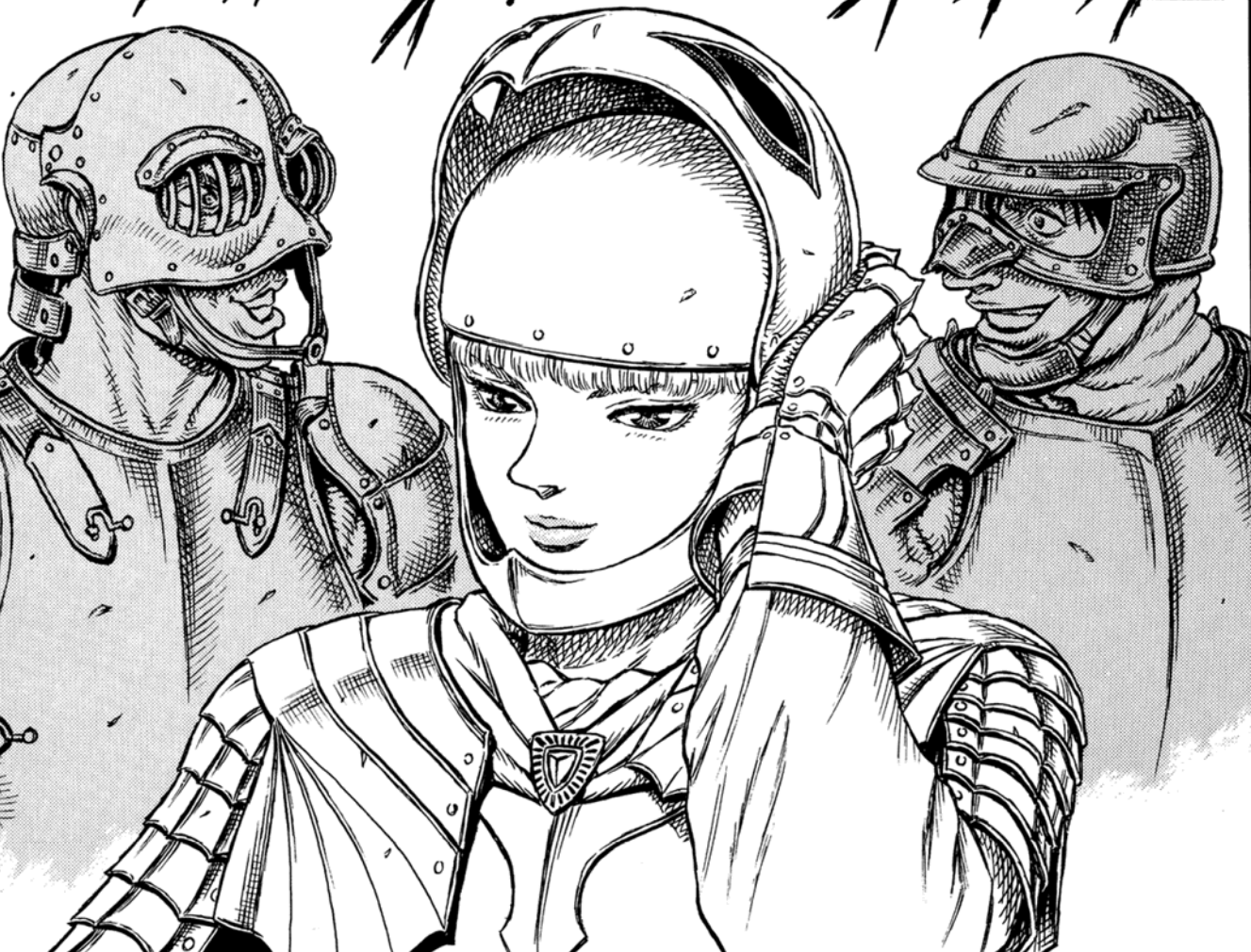
THE.....
**THE
BAND
OF THE
HAWK!!**

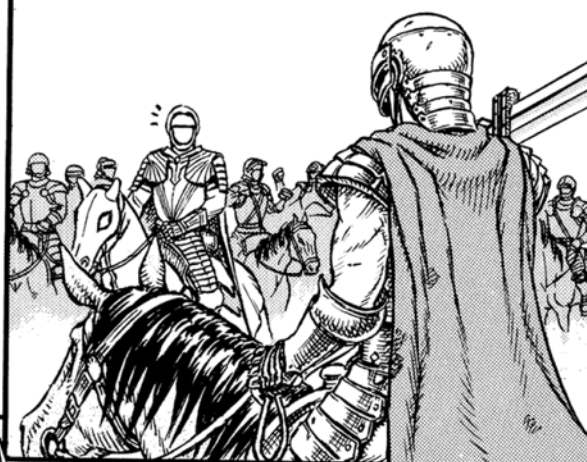
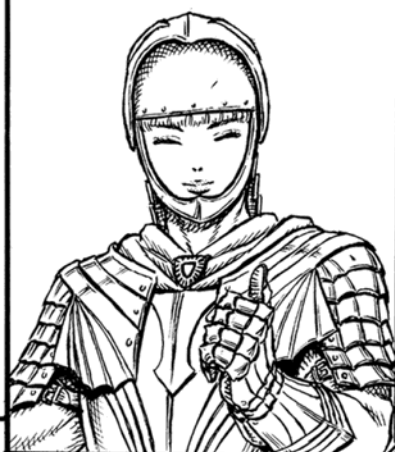
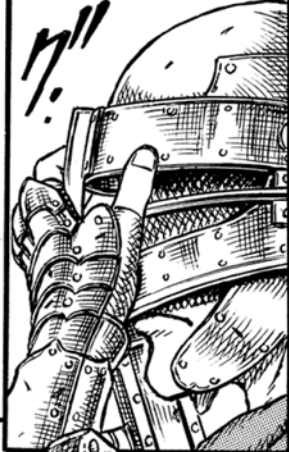
**THE
MERCENARY
BAND LED
BY THE
WHITE HAWK,
GRIFFITH...**

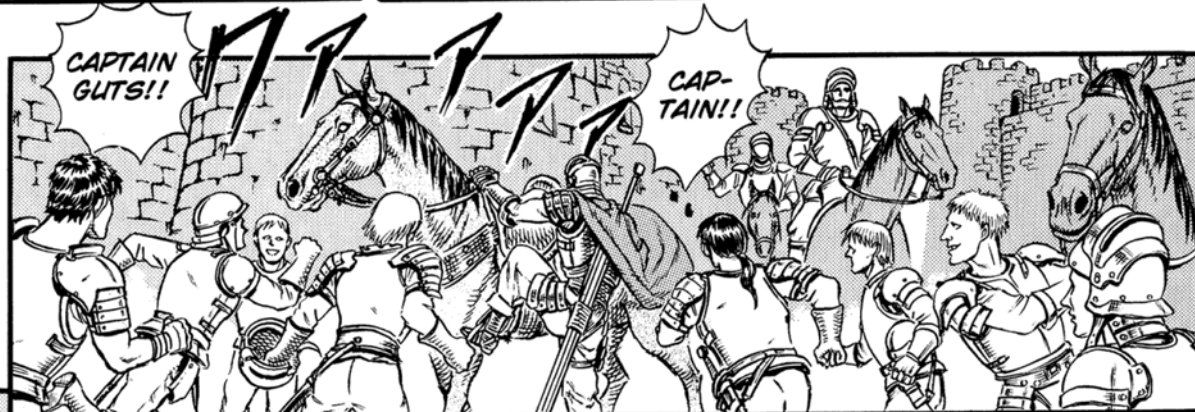
**THE GRIM
REAPERS
OF THE
BATTLE-
FIELD!!**











CAPTAIN
GUTS!!

CAP-
TAIN!!

I'M STILL
SHAKIN'
JUST
THINKIN'
ABOUT
IT...!!

THAT
WAS
SO
COOL!!

RIDING
OUT THERE
ALONE!!

YOU
WERE
GREAT,
CAPTAIN!!

YOU'RE
THE
STAR
OF THIS
VICTORY!!



I'M
SORRY
ABOUT
THAT,
YOU
GUYS.

I WENT
AND
CHARGED
OUT
THERE
BY
MYSELF...

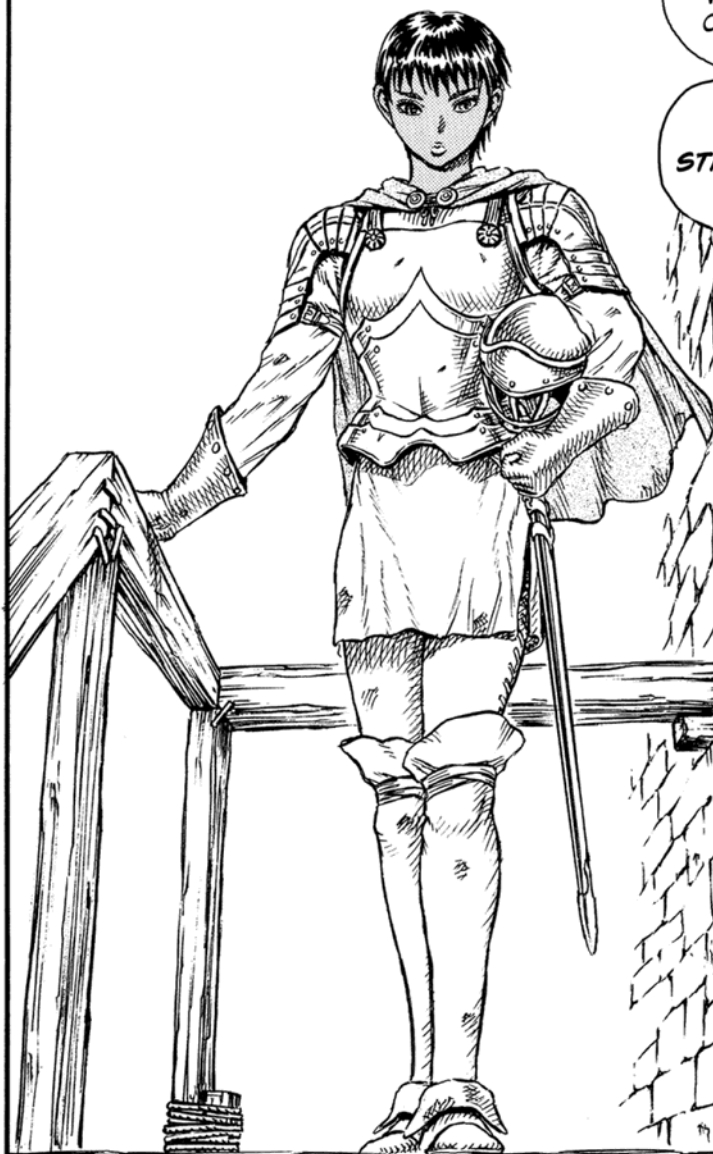


THAT'S
OUR
BOSS!
RIGHT?!

THAT'S THE
LEADER OF
THE HAWK'S
RAIDERS FOR
YOU, CAPTAIN
GUTS!!

YEAHHH!!

WHEWWW!!



WE GET TO BRAG
ABOUT
OUR COMMANDER TO ALL
THE OTHER UNITS!

C'MON, WHAT'S
THAT FOR?!

DAMN
STRAIGHT!!



TIME TO
DRINK
UP!! LET'S
TOAST
HIM!



CAP-
TAIN
GUTS.



COULD
YOU COME
WITH ME
FOR A
BIT?

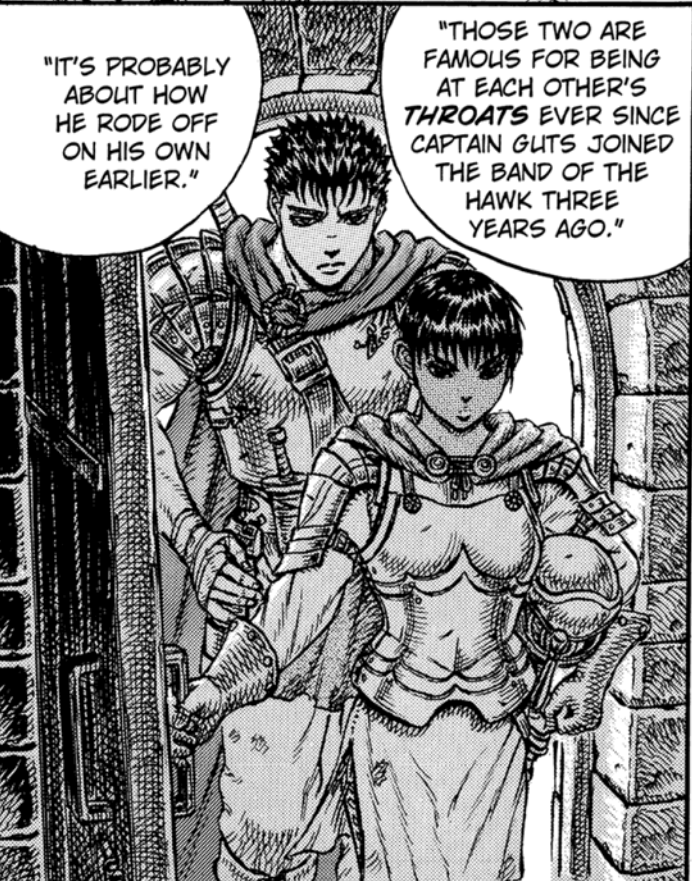
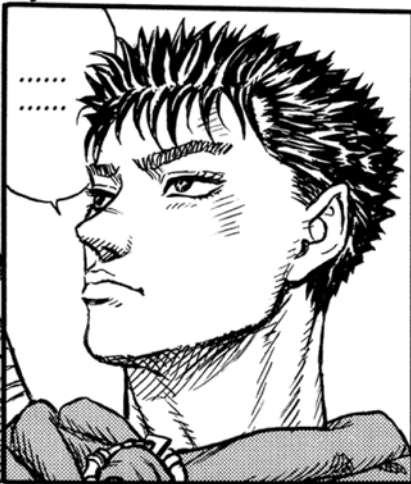
CAPTAIN
GUTS,
SIR?

WE
NEED
TO
TALK.



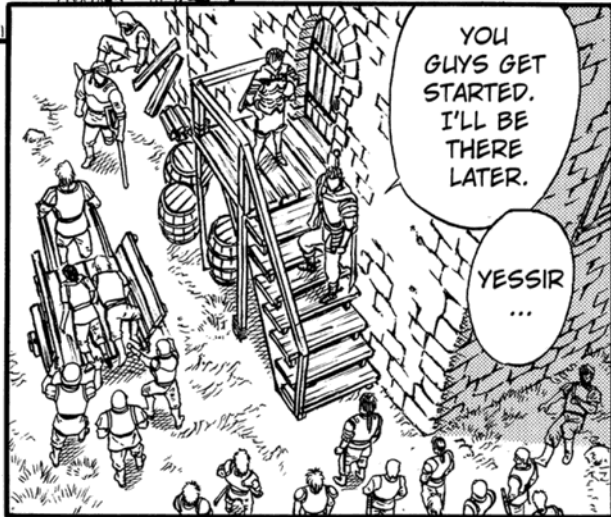
BIG SIS
CASCA...
->MMPH<-.

UNIT
COMMANDER
CASCA!!



"IT'S PROBABLY
ABOUT HOW
HE RODE OFF
ON HIS OWN
EARLIER."

"THOSE TWO ARE
FAMOUS FOR BEING
AT EACH OTHER'S
THROATS EVER SINCE
CAPTAIN GUTS JOINED
THE BAND OF THE
HAWK THREE
YEARS AGO."



YOU
GUYS GET
STARTED.
I'LL BE
THERE
LATER.

YESSIR
...



THINK
THEY'RE
GONNA
FIGHT
AGAIN...?

GOT
ME.

WHAT'S
THAT
ABOUT?



ABOUT
WHAT?

WHAT'RE
YOU
TRYING
TO DO?



YOUR JOB WAS TO LEAD
YOUR UNIT ALONGSIDE MINE TO
PROVIDE FLANK SUPPORT
AND CONTAINMENT FOR
THE MAIN BODY'S
CHARGE INTO
THE ENEMY!!

DON'T
PLAY
DUMB
WITH
ME!!



...BUT YOUR
SELFISH
BEHAVIOR
COULD HAVE
EXPOSED THE
ENTIRE BAND
OF THE HAWK
TO DANGER!!

YOU
MIGHT
HAVE
GOTTEN
LUCKY
AND DONE
WELL...

YOU
SHOULD
TRY
REMEM-
BERING
YOUR
PLACE!!

BUT YOU...YOU BROKE AWAY
FROM YOUR MEN AND THEN
CHARGED THE ENEMY
HEAD-ON ALONE?!
WERE YOU TRYING TO BE A
HERO OR SOMETHING?!





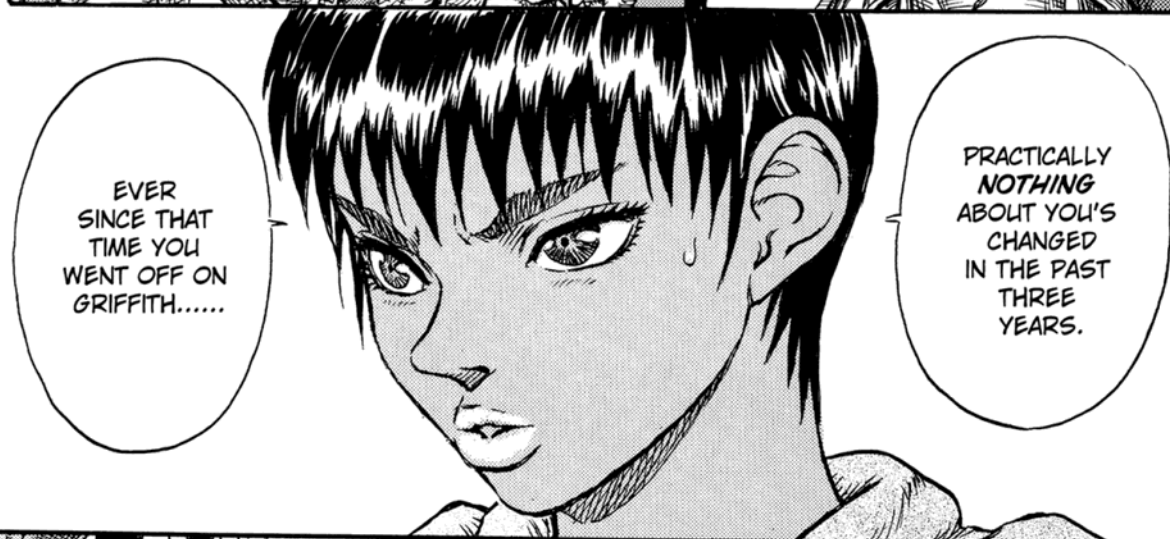
THEY'RE JUST
WORDS...AND
THEN YOU DO
THE **SAME**
THING ALL
OVER AGAIN.

...YOU
ALWAYS
SAY
THAT.



SORRY
'BOUT
THAT.

I'LL BE
CAREFUL
FROM
NOW
ON.



EVER
SINCE THAT
TIME YOU
WENT OFF ON
GRIFFITH.....

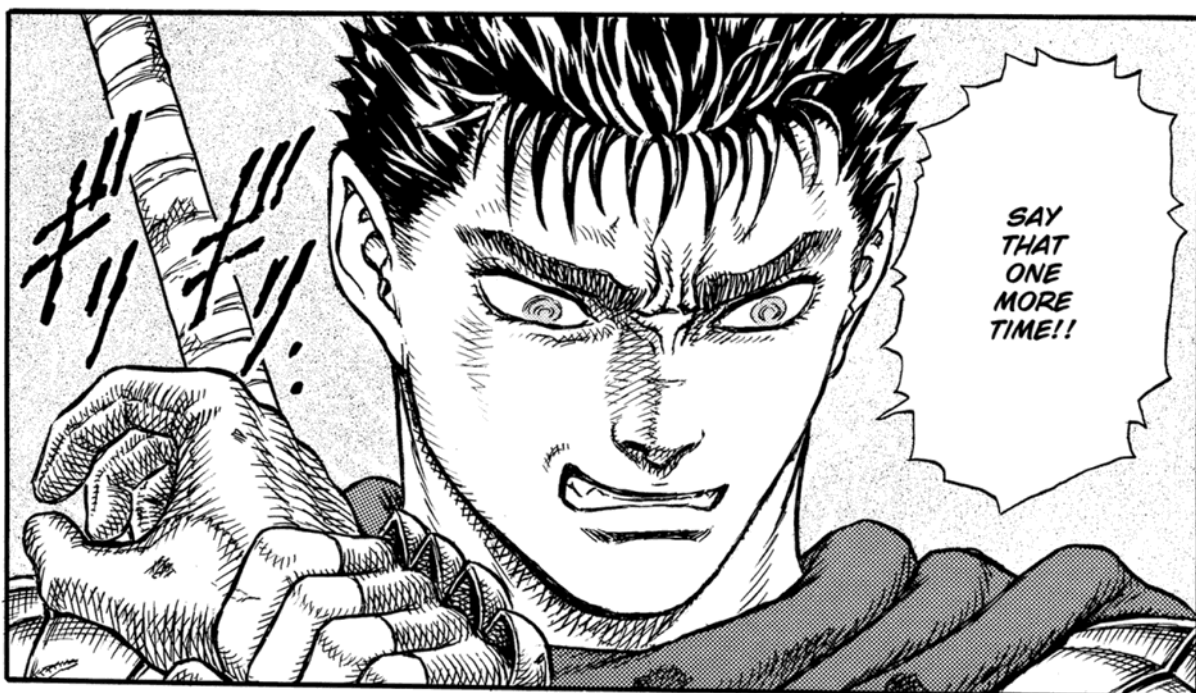
PRACTICALLY
NOTHING
ABOUT YOU'S
CHANGED
IN THE PAST
THREE
YEARS.

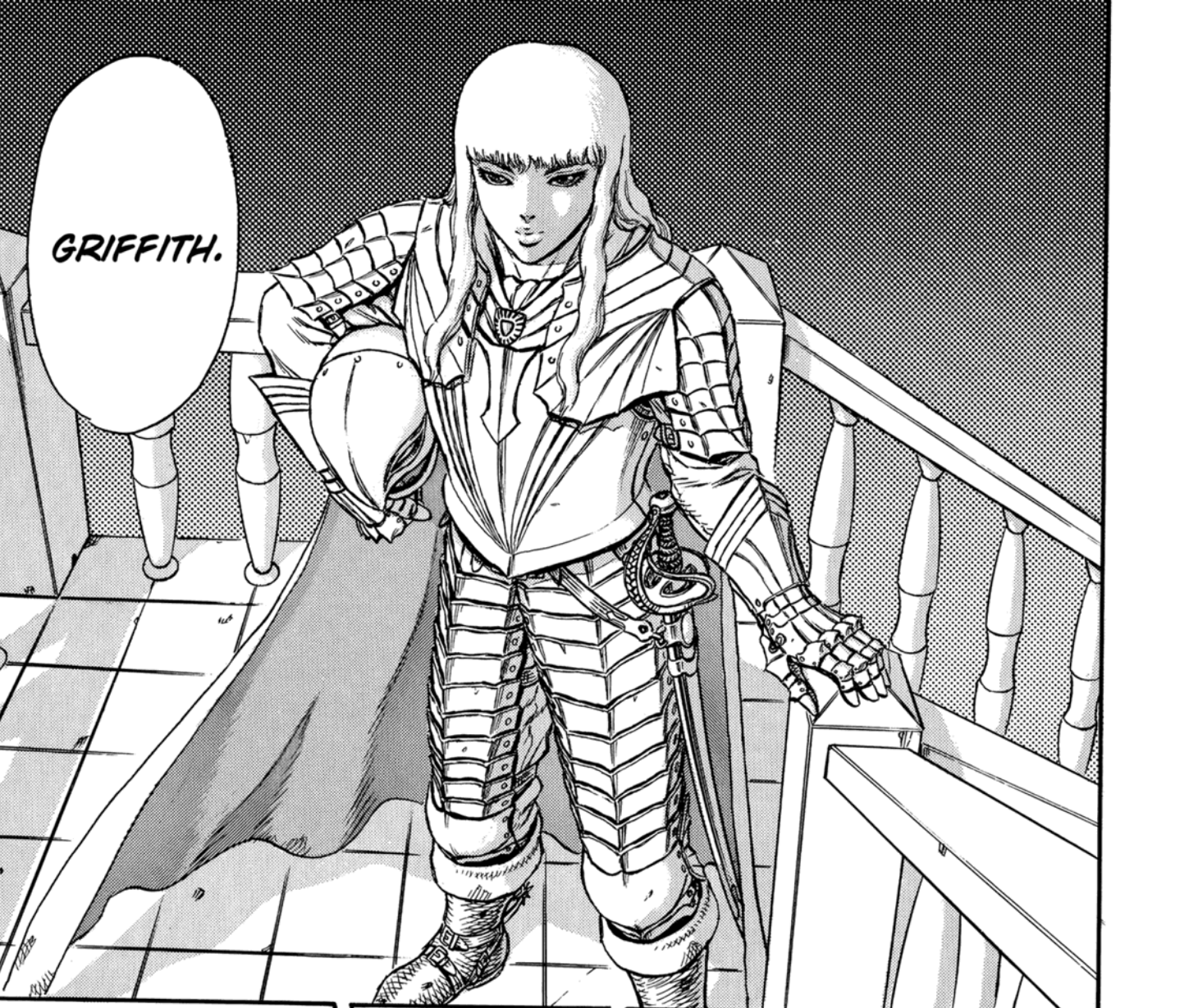


YOU DON'T
THINK
ABOUT
YOUR
COMRADES
ONE BIT...

**YOU'RE
JUST A
MAD
DOG!!**

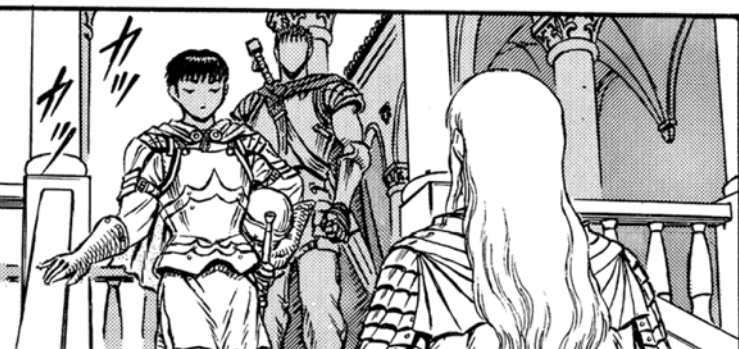
...YOU'RE
SATISFIED AS
LONG AS YOU
JUST GET TO
CROSS SWORDS
WITH THE
ENEMY!!





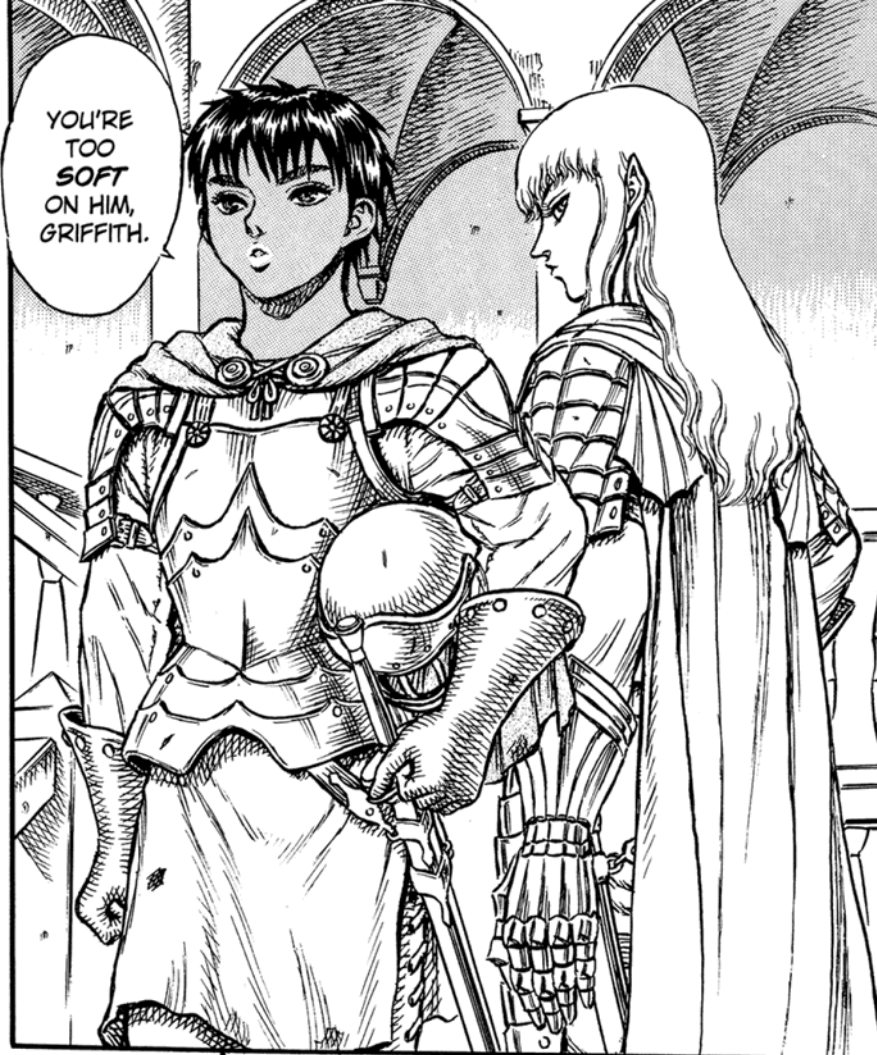
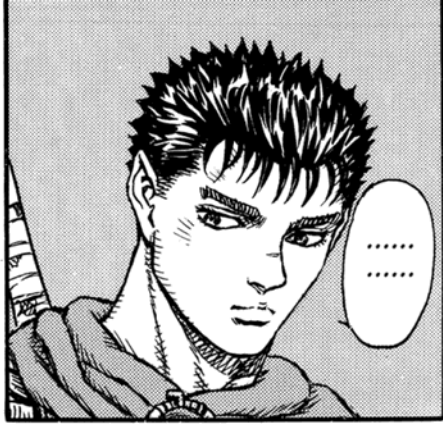
Griffith, the leader of the Black Swords of the Holy Church, stands on a balcony overlooking a city. He is wearing full plate armor, including a helmet with a crest, and a long cape. He holds a sword in his right hand. The background shows a city with a grid-like street pattern.

GRIFFITH.



A close-up of Griffith's face. He has long, light-colored hair and a serious expression. He is wearing a chainmail collar.

I'LL HAVE A TALK WITH GUTS.



YOU'RE
TOO
SOFT
ON HIM,
GRIFFITH.



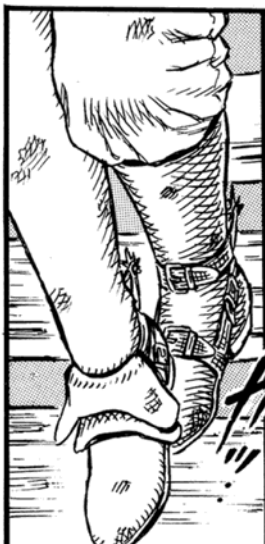
THAT
MUST
REALLY
STINK,
CASCA.

!
CORK-
US.

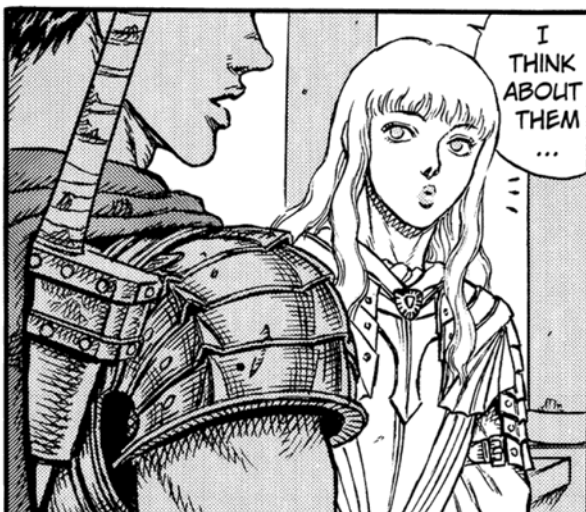
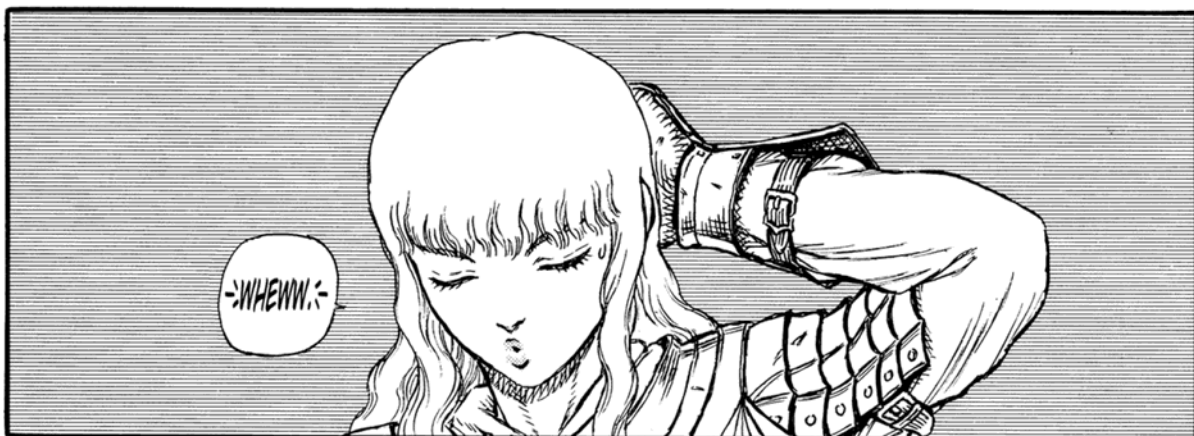
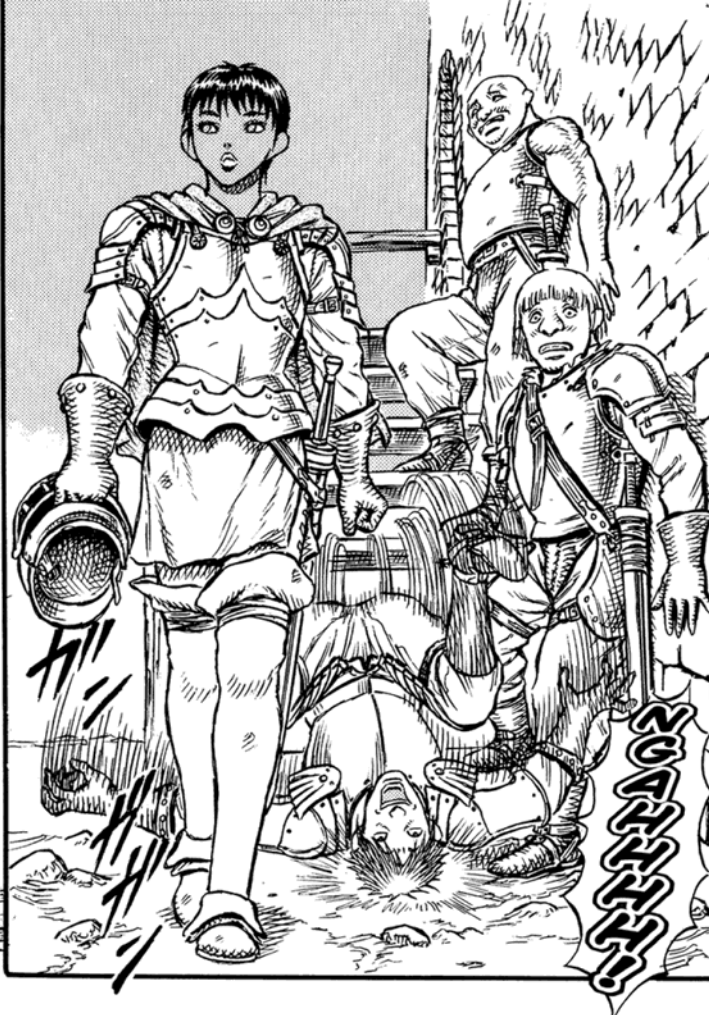


LET'S FACE IT,
ARGUING WITH
HIM JUST
MAKES YOU
LOOK BAD.

HE'S
GRIFFITH'S
FAVORITE,
AFTER ALL.



WHADDA YA SAY?
I'M THERE IF YOU
EVER WANT TO
OFF HIM.







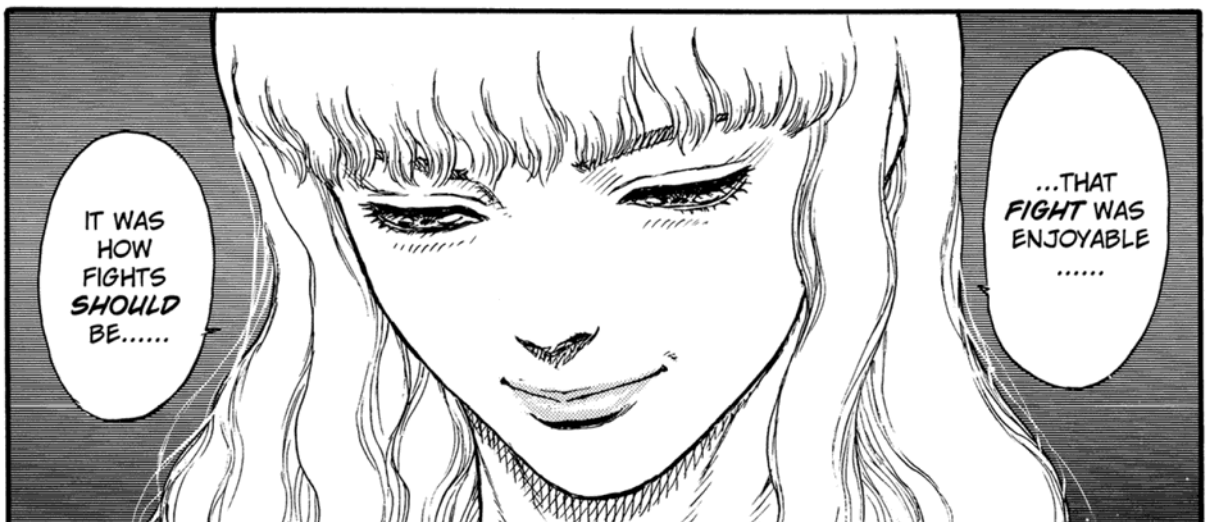
I DO THINK
ABOUT MY
COMRADES.

I'M
NOT...
WHO I
USED
TO BE.



THREE YEARS
AGO...THE DUEL
THAT DECIDED
YOU WOULD JOIN
THE BAND OF THE
HAWK INSTEAD
OF WANDERING
BATTLE-
FIELDS...

I
REMEMBER
...



IT WAS
HOW
FIGHTS
SHOULD
BE.....

...THAT
FIGHT WAS
ENJOYABLE

...IS
A PART
OF MY
PLAN.

.....EVEN
THAT
PART
OF
YOU...

COME ON, LET'S
GO. THE WINE'S
ALL ABOUT YOU
THIS TIME.

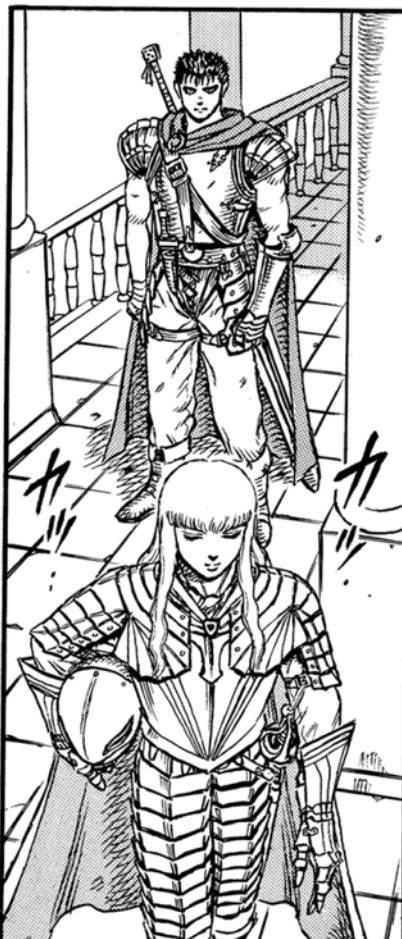
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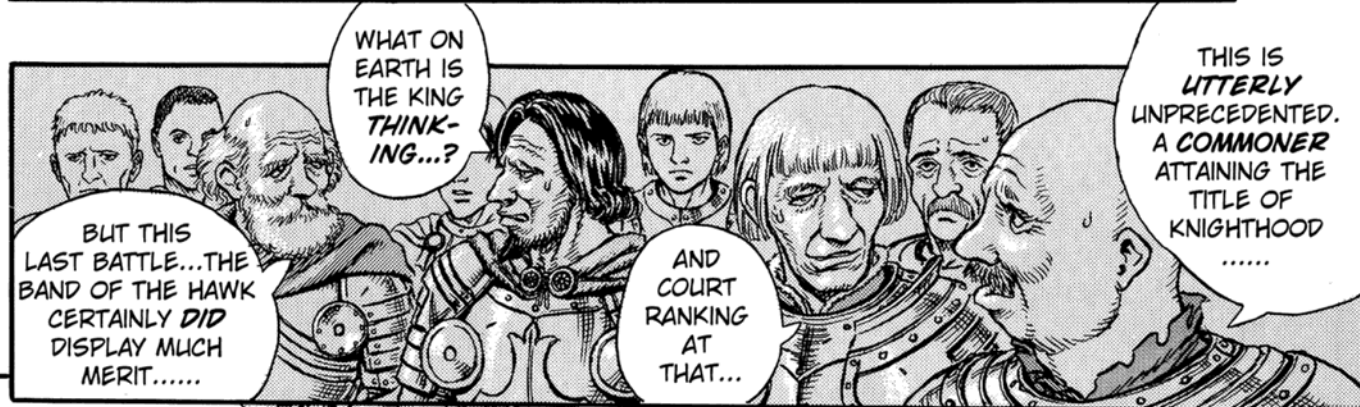
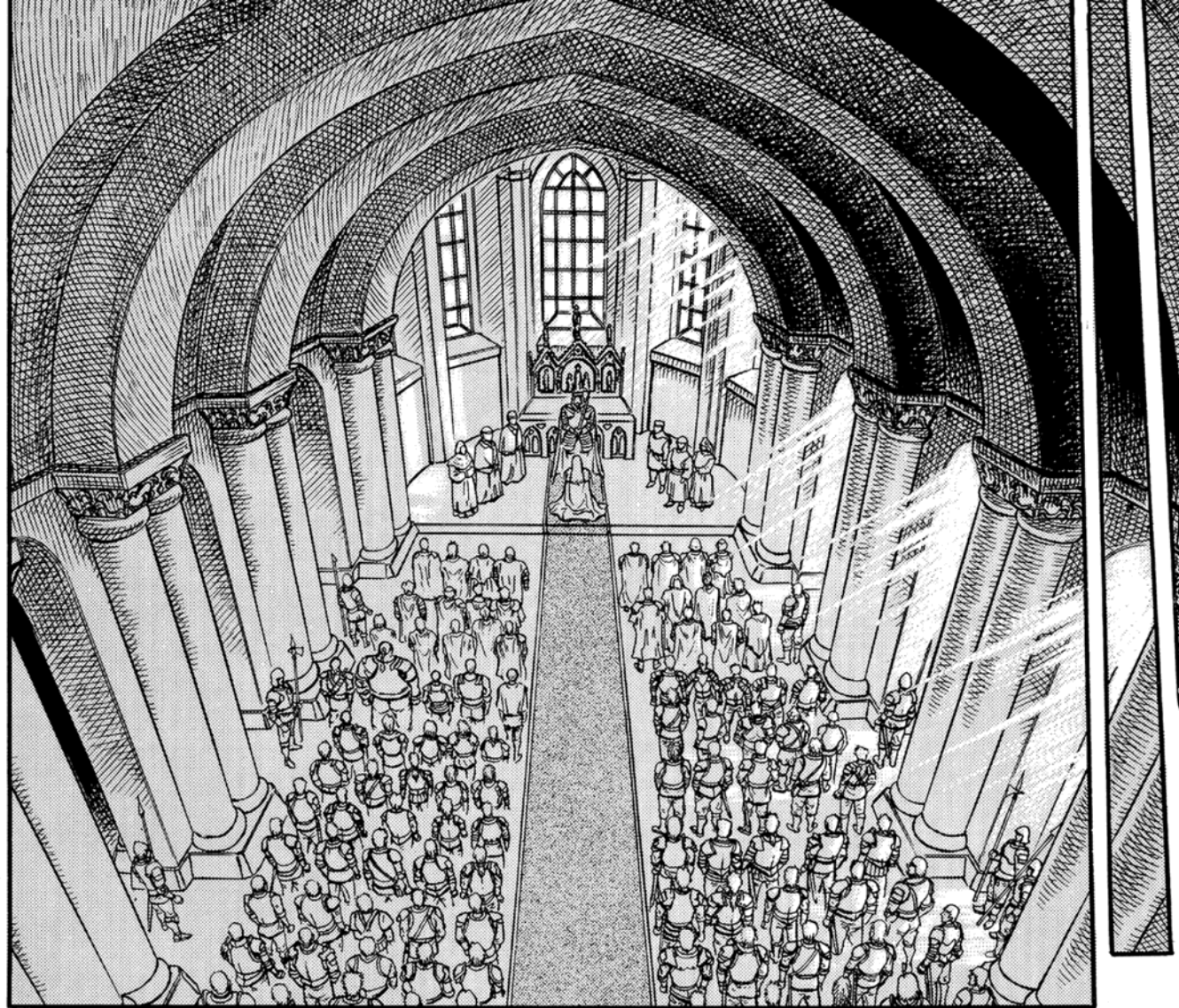
I'M
SORRY...

.....
GRIFFITH.

...ABOUT
TODAY'S
BATTLE
.....

.....
.....





WHAT ON
EARTH IS
THE KING
**THINK-
ING...**?

BUT THIS
LAST BATTLE...THE
BAND OF THE HAWK
CERTAINLY **DID**
DISPLAY MUCH
MERIT.....

AND
COURT
RANKING
AT
THAT...

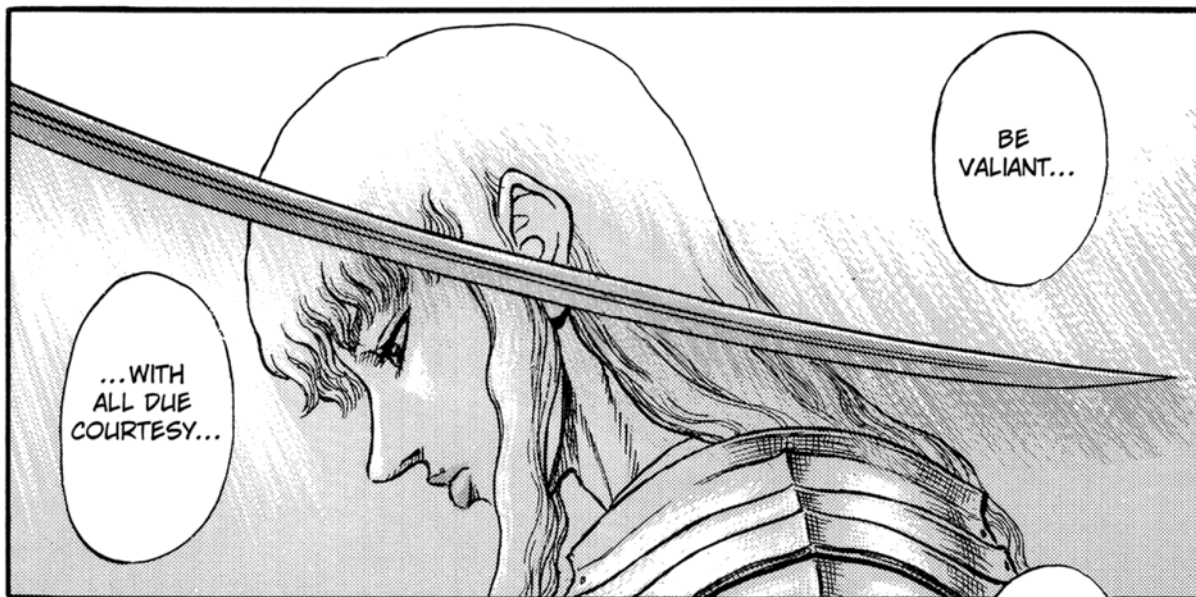
THIS IS
UTTERLY
UNPRECEDENTED.
A **COMMONER**
ATTAINING THE
TITLE OF
KNIGHTHOOD
.....

BUT IN THE
FACE OF THIS, WE
CANNOT AFFORD TO
REMAIN IDLE.
CERTAINLY
WE MUST NOT
MAKE LIGHT OF
THEIR BATTLEFIELD
EXPLOITS.

IT'S ONLY A
**MATTER OF
TIME** BEFORE
HE MAKES
HIS MOVE.....

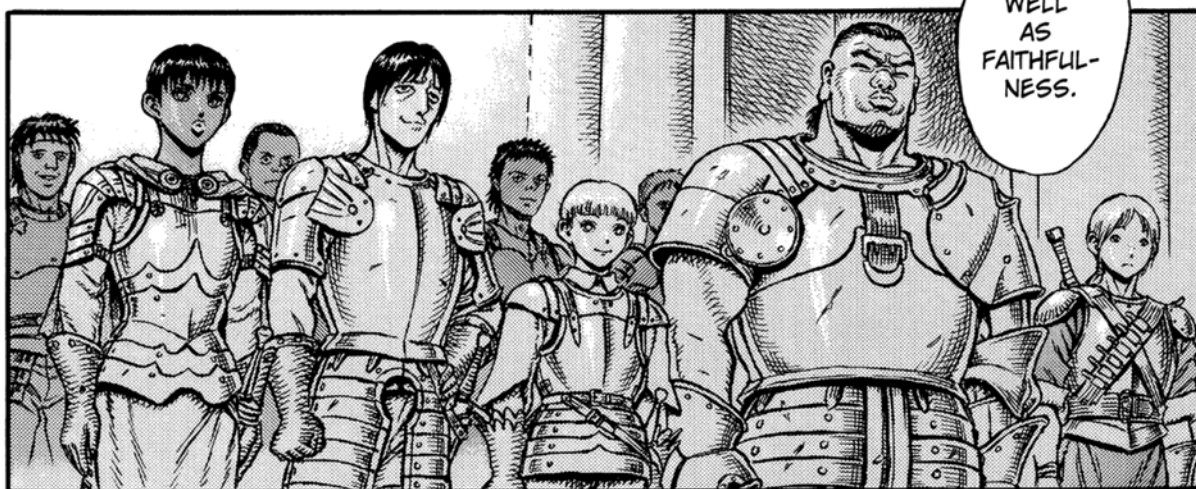
IN THE NAME OF GOD
AND THE **SPIRIT**, I
BESTOW THE STATUS
OF KNIGHT
UPON THEE.

SO WHAT OF THIS
STUPID BUNCH OF
RABBLE...WITHOUT WAR
MERCENARIES WOULD
BE NOTHING MORE
THAN THIEVES.

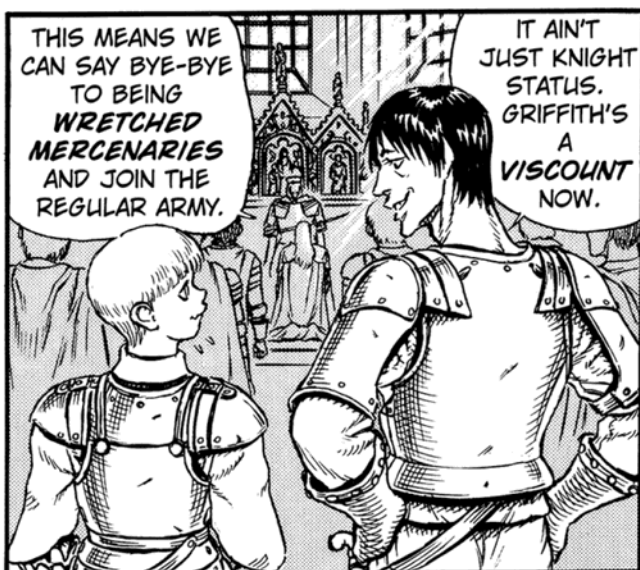


...WITH
ALL DUE
COURTESY...

BE
VALIANT...



...AS
WELL
AS
FAITHFUL-
NESS.



THIS MEANS WE
CAN SAY BYE-BYE
TO BEING
**WRETCHED
MERCENARIES**
AND JOIN THE
REGULAR ARMY.

IT AIN'T
JUST KNIGHT
STATUS.
GRIFFITH'S
A
VISCOUNT
NOW.



...EVEN THE
COURT
OFFICIALS'LL
HAVE NO
CHOICE
BUT TO
RECOGNIZE
OUR
POWER.

NOW THAT
WE KEEP
DISTINGUISH-
ING OUR-
SELVES
IN
BATTLE
...



WE
CAN'T GO
ON BEING A
BACKWOODS
ARMY OF
BUMPKINS
THE WAY
WE HAVE
BEEN
TILL
NOW.

FROM NOW
ON, ANY
INSUBORDINATION
FROM US
COULD
POSSIBLY
CAUSE
TROUBLE
FOR
GRIFFITH.



IF YOU
KNOW
THAT,
THEN
WATCH
YOUR
TONGUE,
CORKUS.

THIS IS A
FORMAL
CEREMONY.



AGAIN
...?

!
HANG
ON,
WHERE
IS
HE...?



WHAT
?!
!!!

GEEZ,
YOU'RE
MORE
STRICT
THAN MY
OLD
LADY.

YEAH, YEAH,
I UNDERSTAND,
COMMANDER
CASCA.

HEY,
CEREMONY.

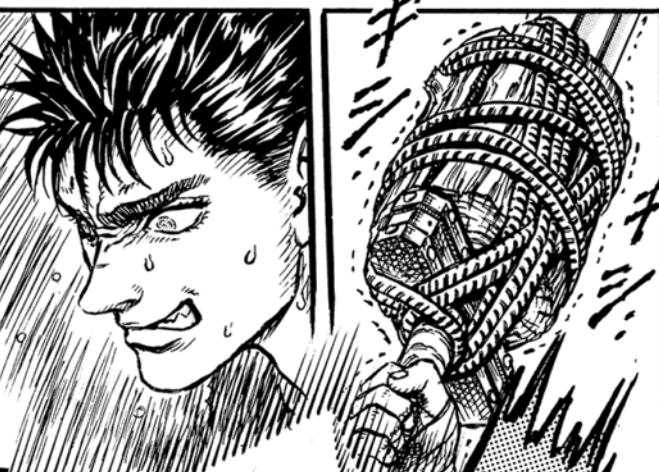


OH...

BLASTED
BUMPKINS...



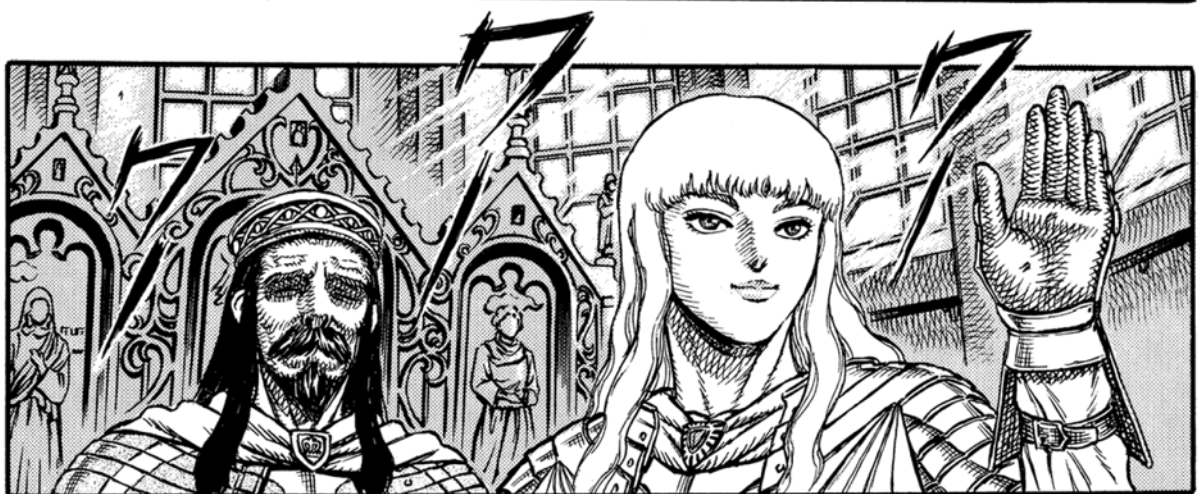
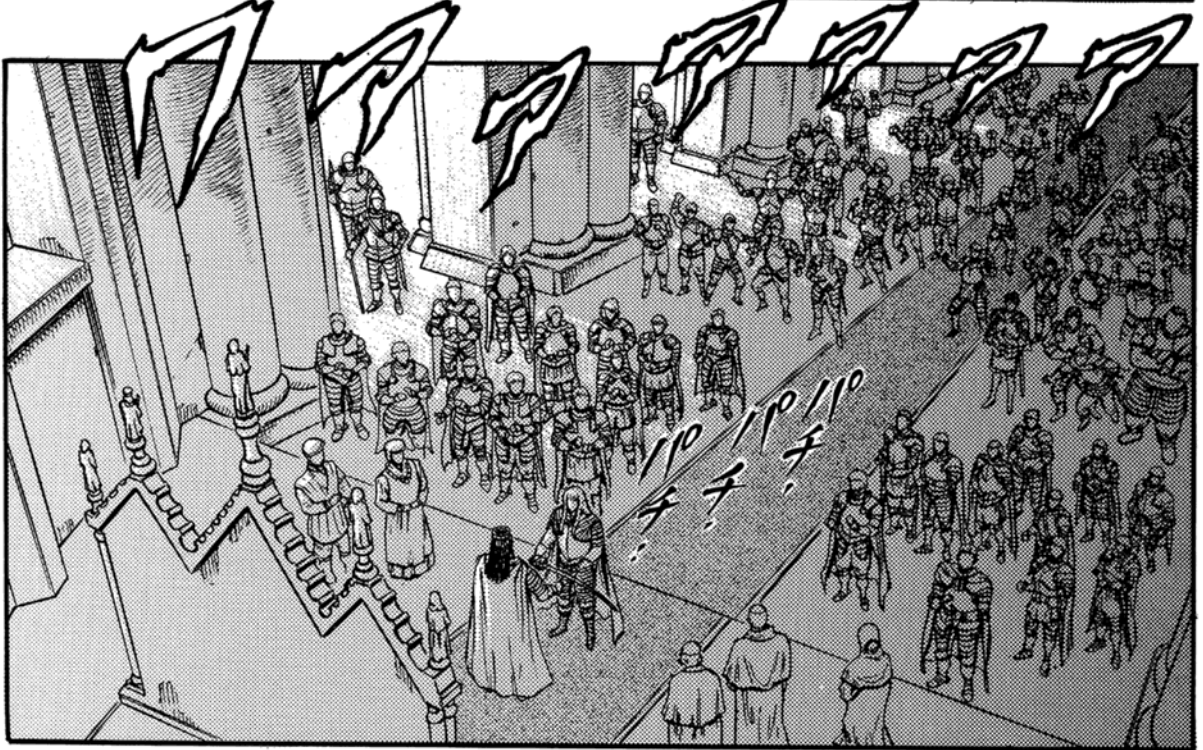
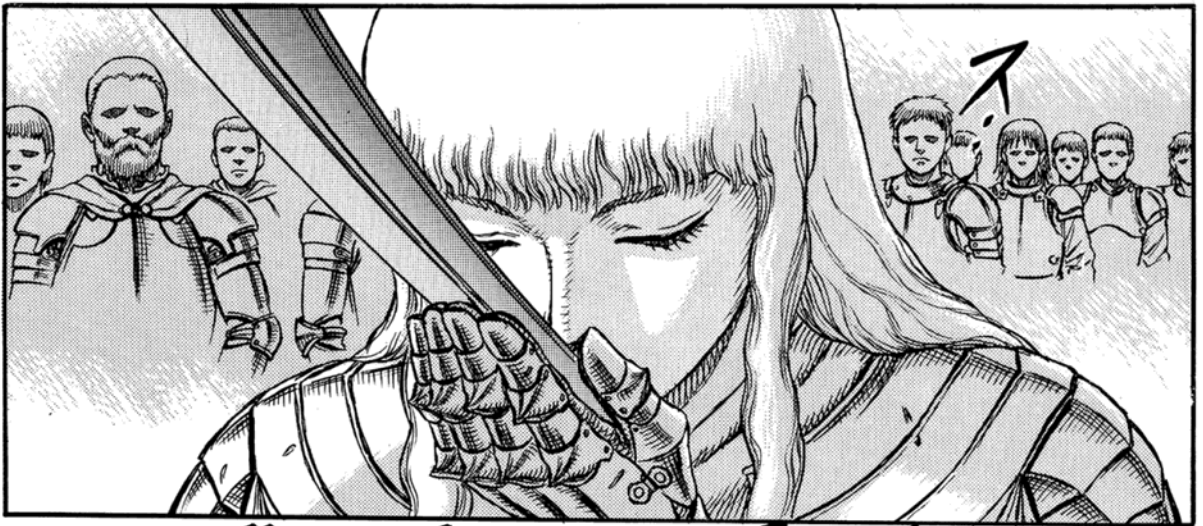
ONE-
NINETY-
NINE!

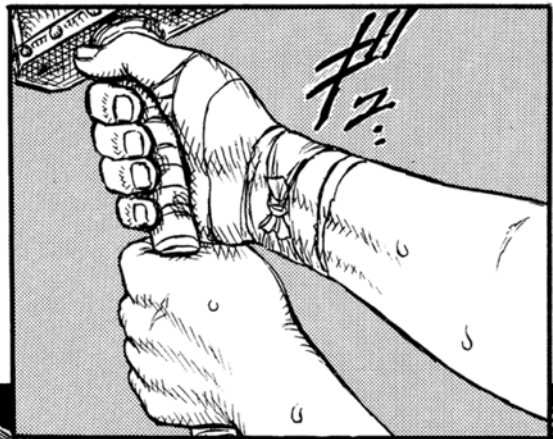
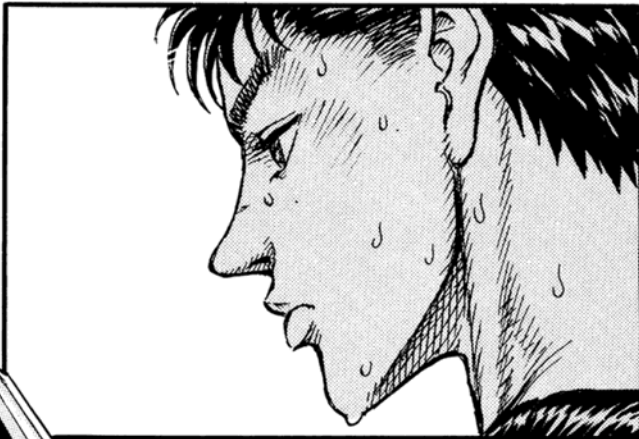


ONE-
NINETY-
EIGHT!



TWO
HUNDRED!

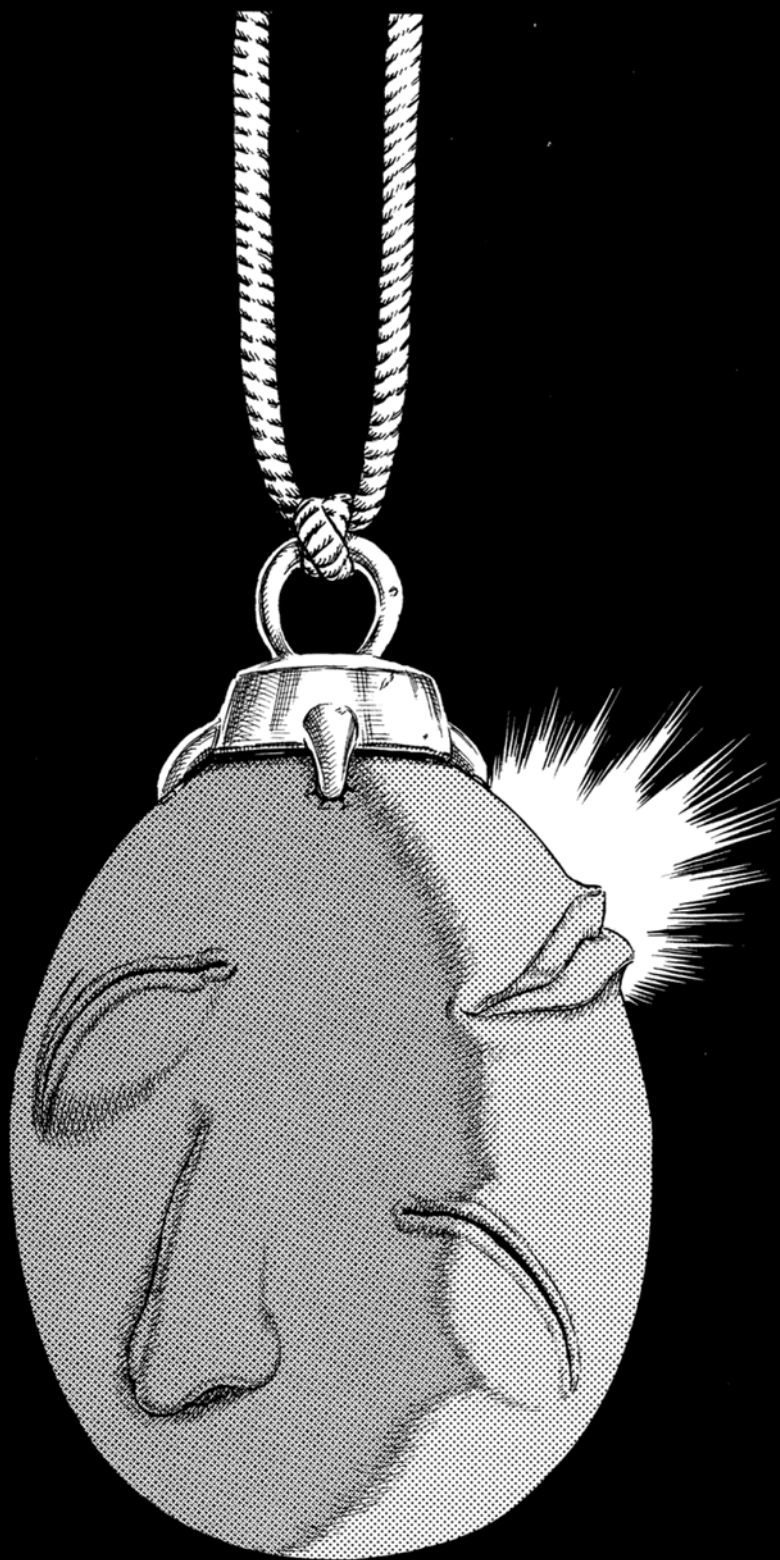




A WIND OF SWORDS END

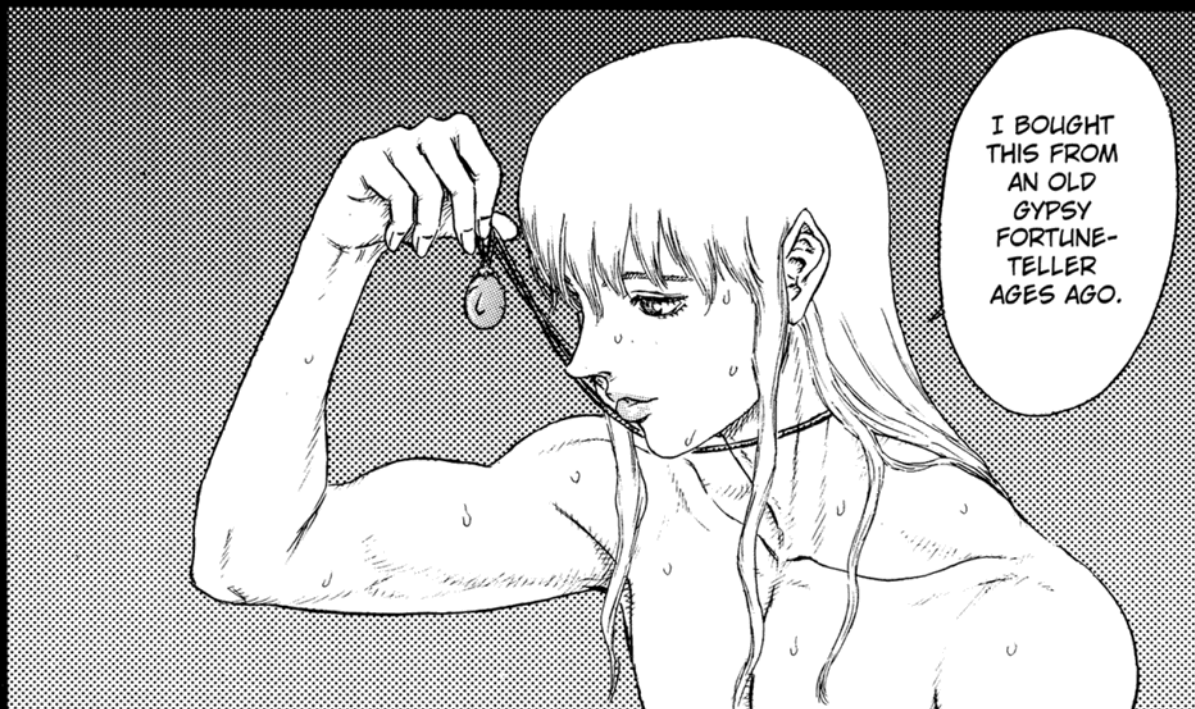


*IT WAS
CRIMSON,
LIKE A
DROP OF
BLOOD.*



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NOSFERATU ZODD, CHAPTER 1



I BOUGHT
THIS FROM
AN OLD
GYPSY
FORTUNE-
TELLER
AGES AGO.



ALSO
CALLED
**THE EGG
OF THE
KING...**



THE
BEHELIT.



...IS DESTINED
TO OBTAIN
THE WORLD IN
EXCHANGE FOR
HIS OWN FLESH
AND BLOOD.

YOU SEE,
IT'S SAID THAT
WHOEVER
POSSESSES
THIS...



.....THE
WORLD...?

ベルセルク

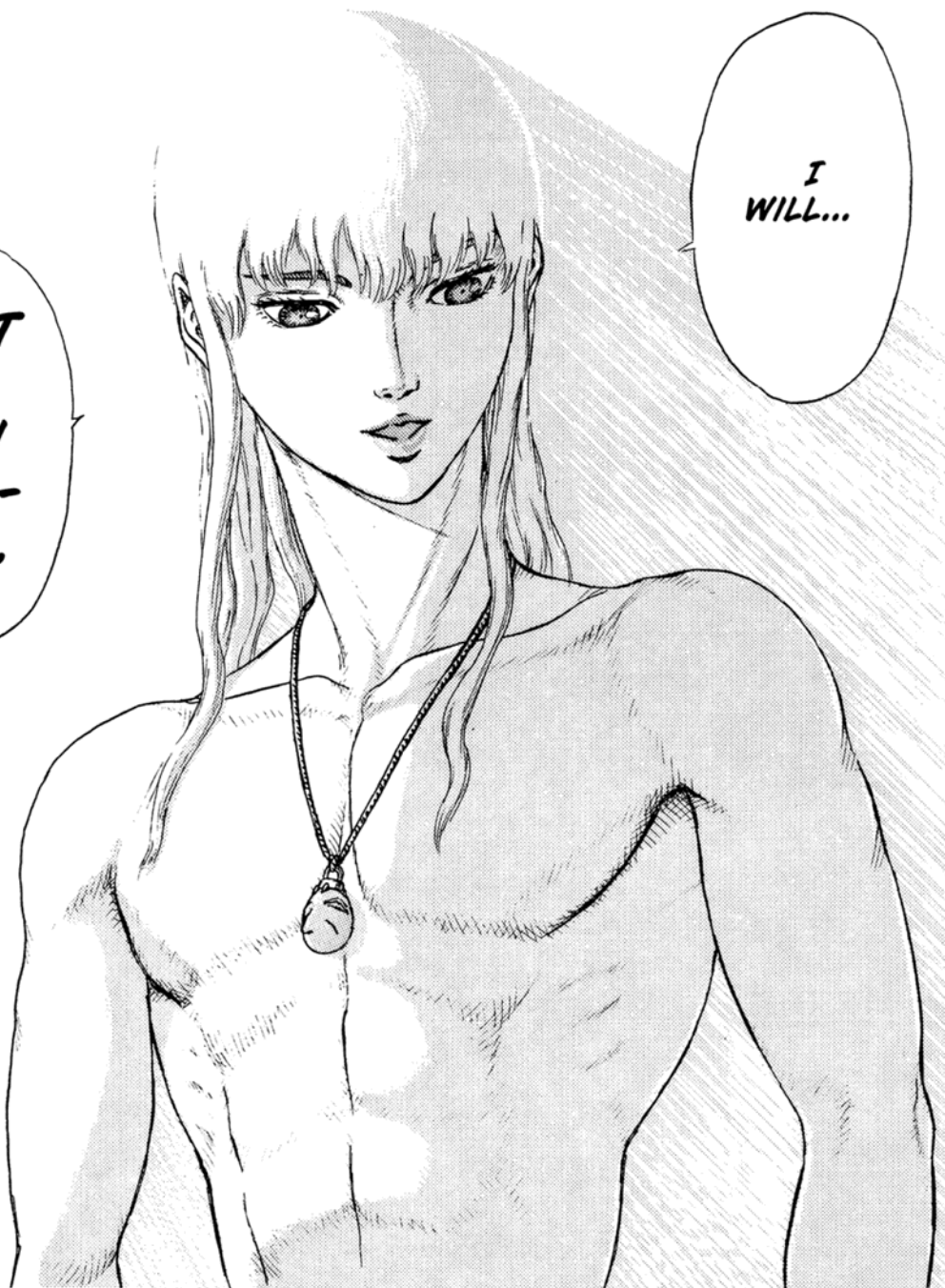
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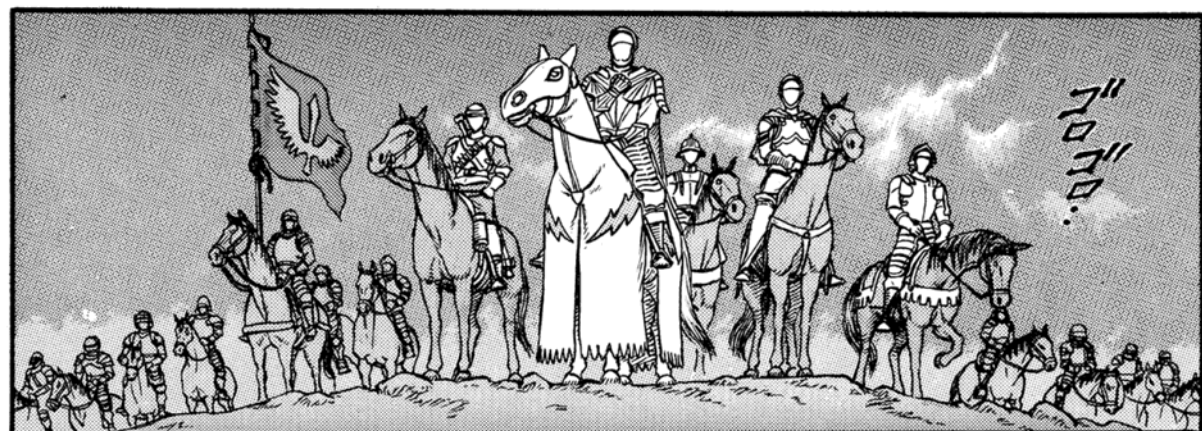
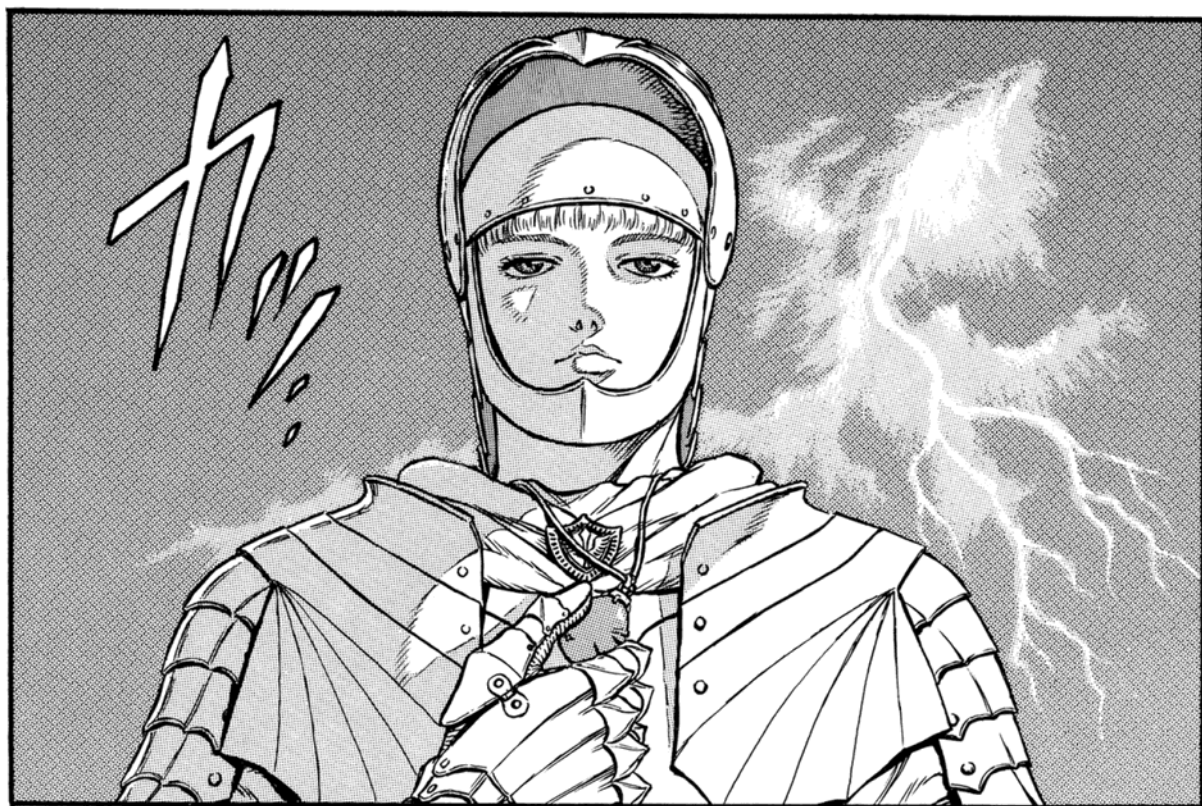
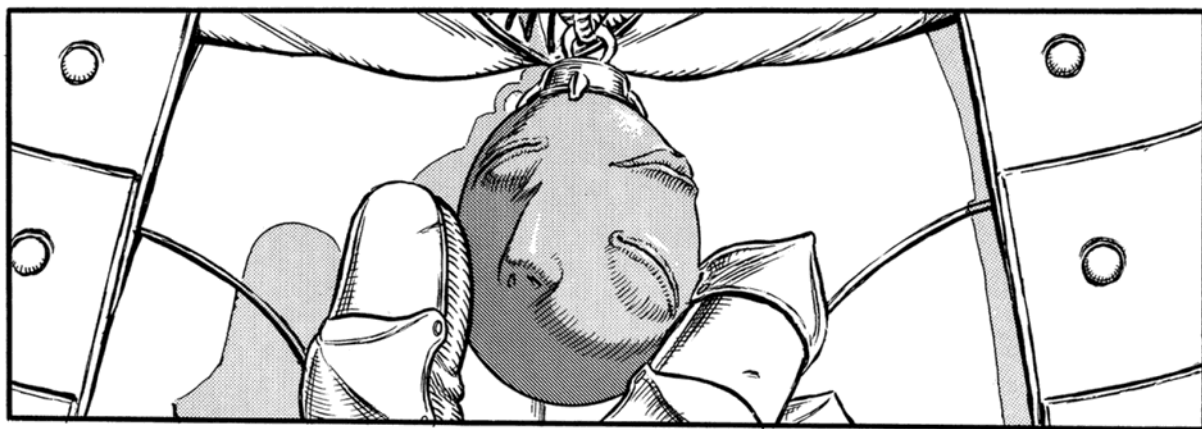
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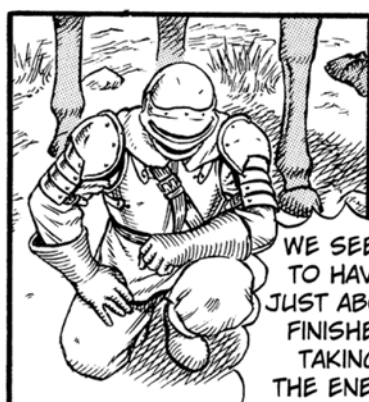
...GET
MY
OWN
KING-
DOM.

I
WILL...

THAT'S
WHAT
HE
SAID
THREE
YEARS
AGO.

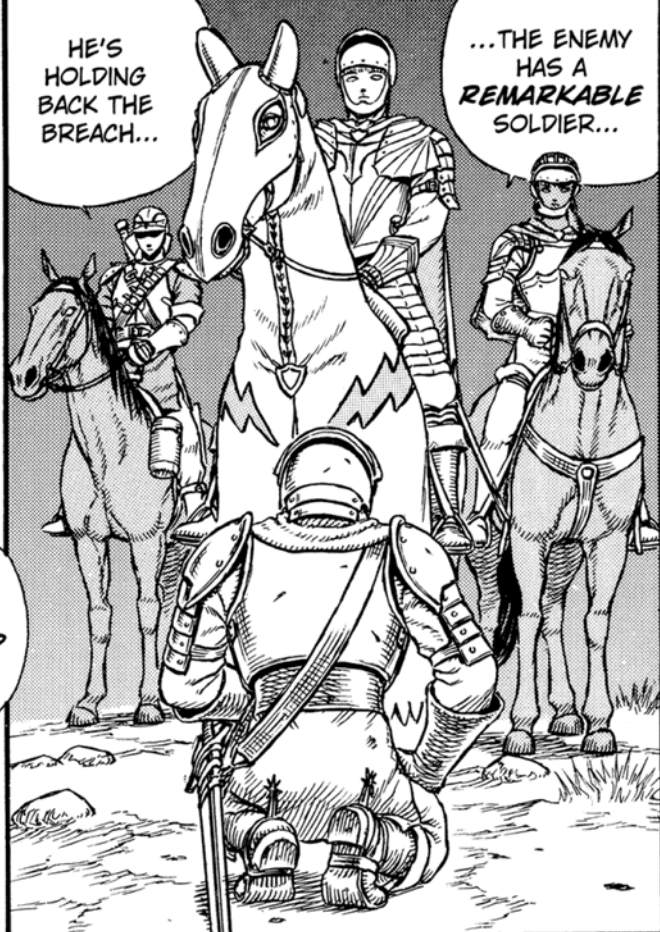






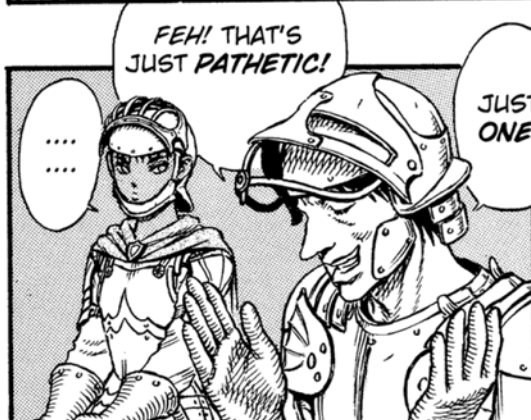


...ONE
MAN.



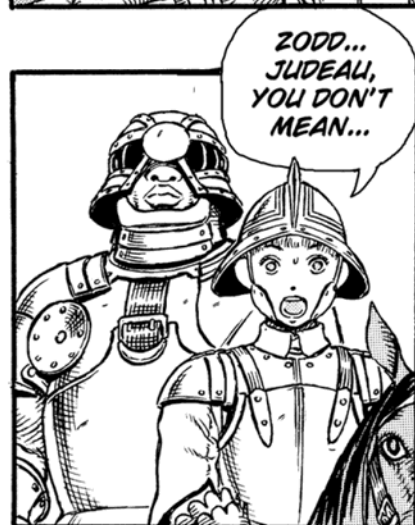
HE'S
HOLDING
BACK THE
BREACH...

...THE ENEMY
HAS A
REMARKABLE
SOLDIER...



FEH! THAT'S
JUST PATHETIC!

JUST
ONE?



ZODD...
JUDEAU,
YOU DON'T
MEAN...



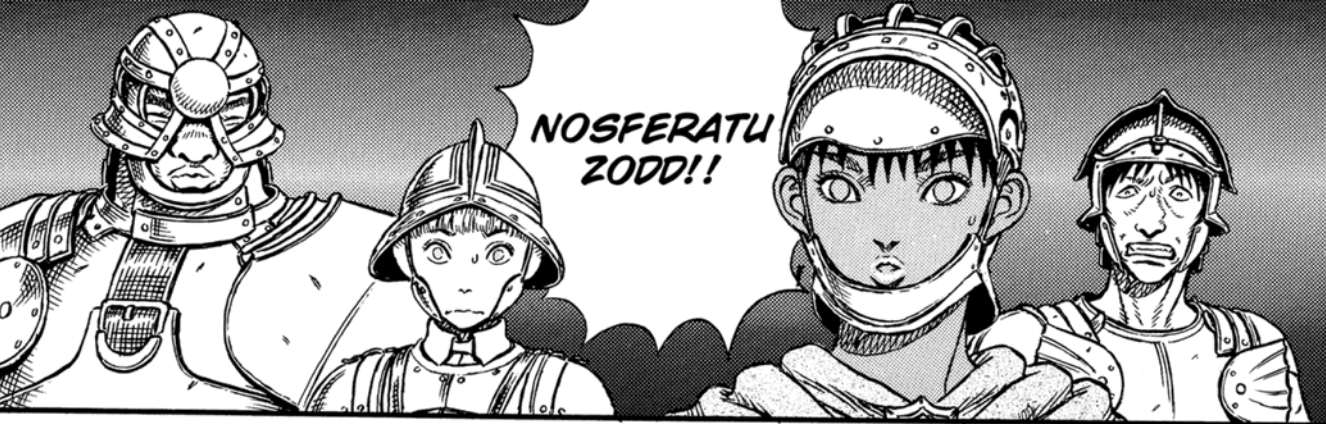
ZODD
...

WHAT?

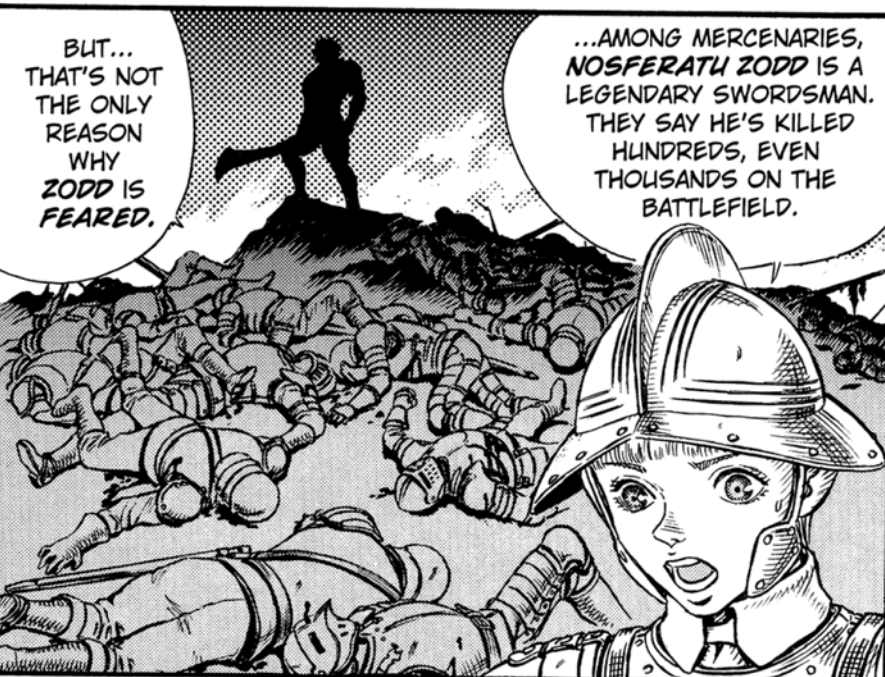


THAT
NOSFERATH
ZODD HAD
BEEN
ADDED
TO THE
ENEMY
FORCES...

I
CAUGHT
WIND OF A
STRANGE
RUMOR
BEFORE
THIS
BATTLE.

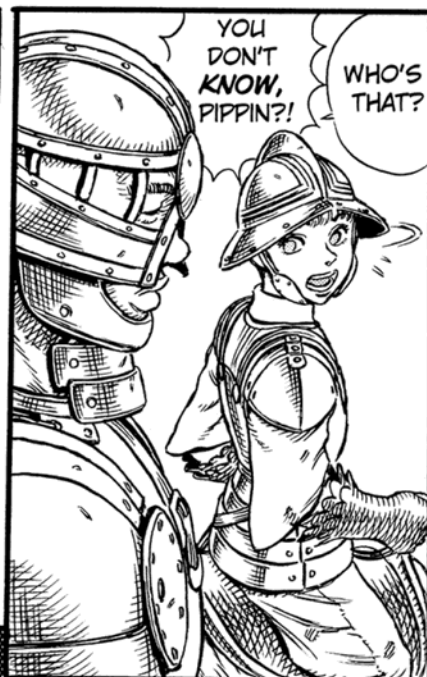


NOSFERATH
ZODD!!



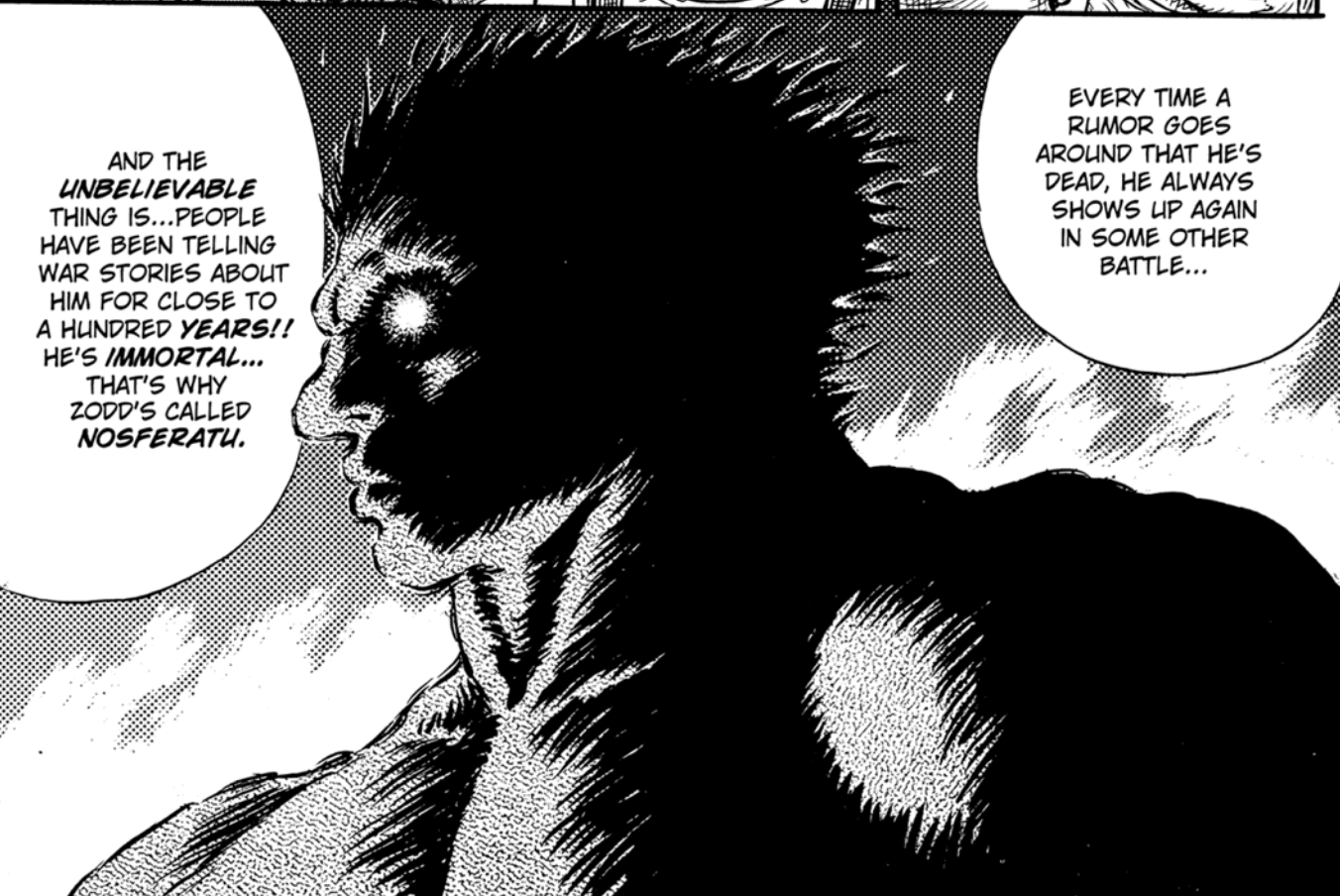
BUT...
THAT'S NOT
THE ONLY
REASON
WHY
ZODD IS
FEARED.

...AMONG MERCENARIES,
NOSFERATH ZODD IS A
LEGENDARY SWORDSMAN.
THEY SAY HE'S KILLED
HUNDREDS, EVEN
THOUSANDS ON THE
BATTLEFIELD.



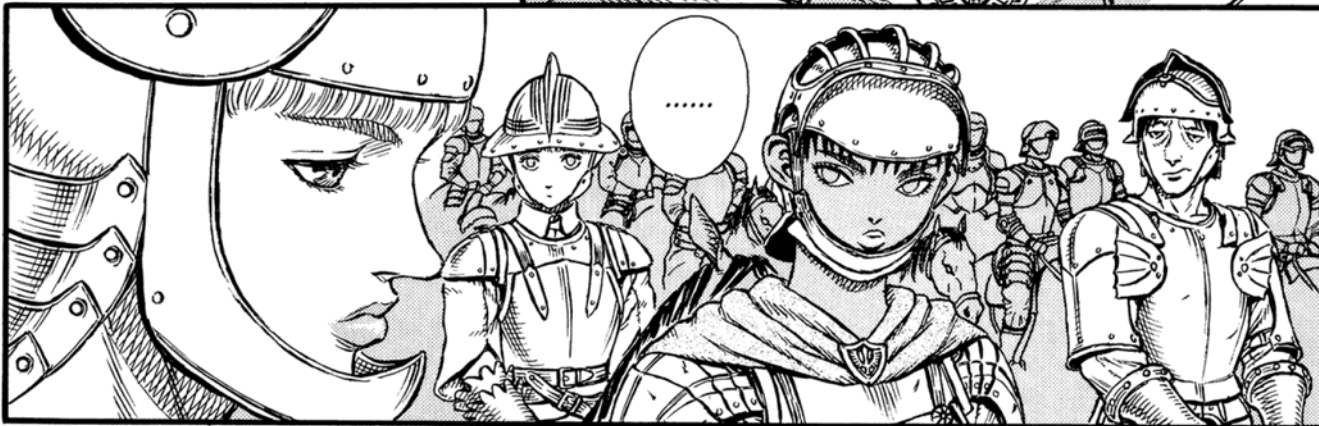
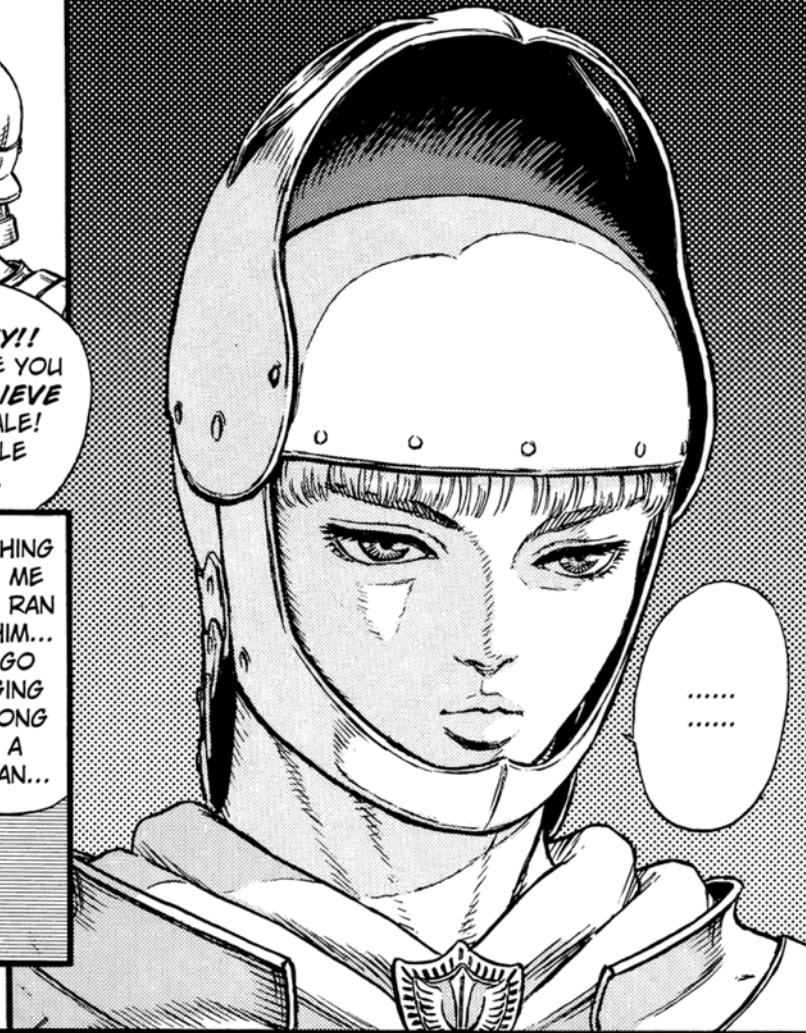
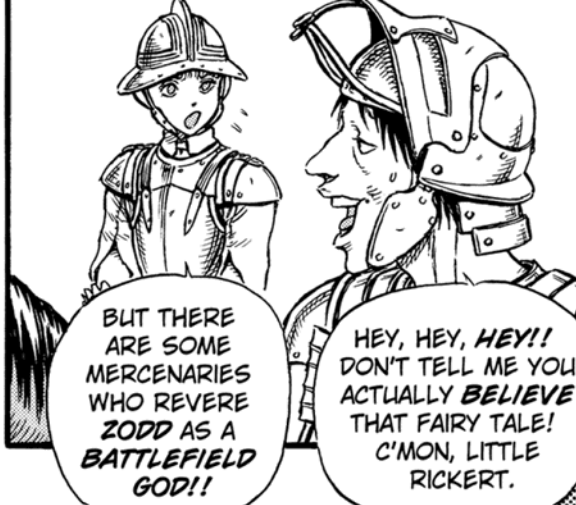
YOU
DON'T
KNOW,
PIPPIN?!

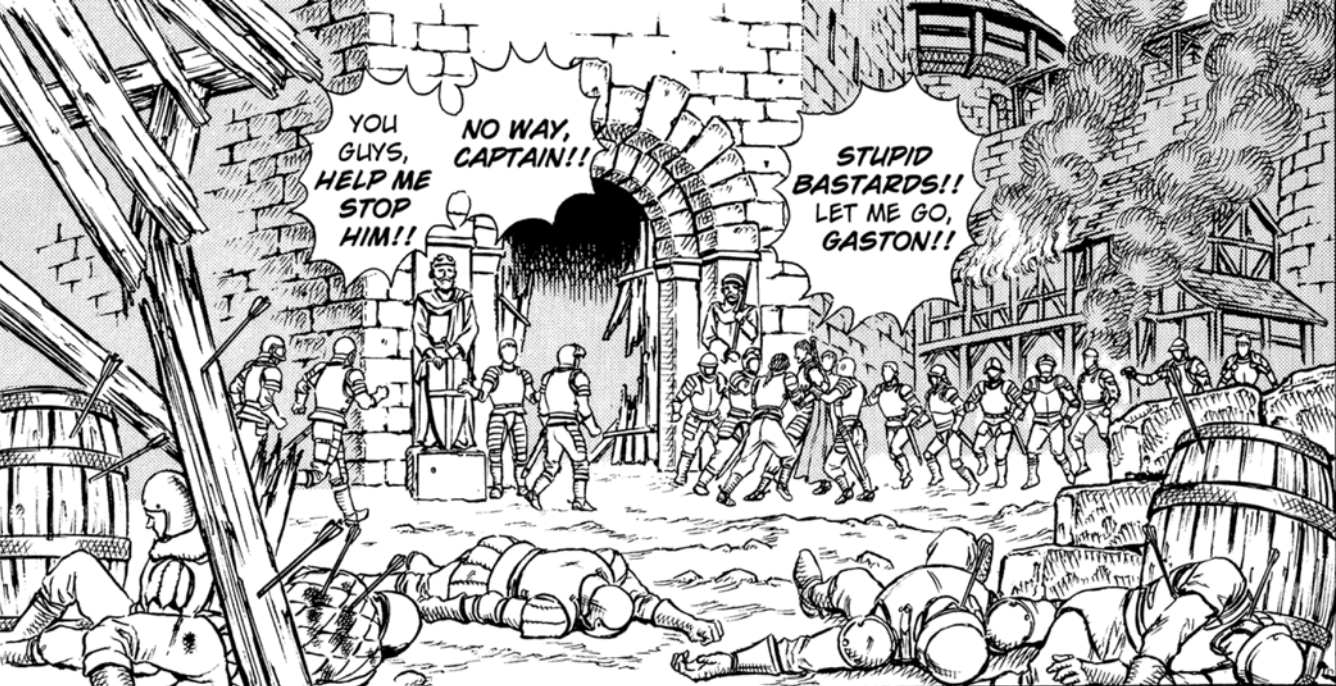
WHO'S
THAT?



AND THE
UNBELIEVABLE
THING IS...PEOPLE
HAVE BEEN TELLING
WAR STORIES ABOUT
HIM FOR CLOSE TO
A HUNDRED YEARS!!
HE'S IMMORTAL...
THAT'S WHY
ZODD'S CALLED
NOSFERATH.

EVERY TIME A
RUMOR GOES
AROUND THAT HE'S
DEAD, HE ALWAYS
SHOWS UP AGAIN
IN SOME OTHER
BATTLE...





YOU
GUYS,
HELP ME
STOP
HIM!!

NO WAY,
CAPTAIN!!

STUPID
BASTARDS!!
LET ME GO,
GASTON!!

WE SENT
ALMOST FIFTY
MEN IN THERE
AND NO ONE'S
COME
OUT...!!

IT'S
ALREADY
BEEN A
WHOLE
HOUR,
YOU
ASS!!

NO WAY CAN
I LET YOU GO
IN ALONE!!

I CAN'T
LET YOU
DO IT.....!!

NOW
LET GO
A'ME!!!

A LITTLE
LONGER!
LET'S JUST
WAIT A
LITTLE
LONGER!!



...IT'S
ONE
MAN!

A SINGLE
ENEMY'S GOT ALL
FIVE HUNDRED OF
THE BAND OF THE
HAWK'S RAIDERS
STUCK LIKE
NAILS IN A
WALL.....!!



YOU
TRY IT
AND I'LL
KILL
YOU!!

THEN WE
SHOULD ASK
BOSS
GRIFFITH FOR
REINF--



AGHHH!



YOU EVER HEARD OF ANYTHING SO HUMILIATING?!!

OWW...



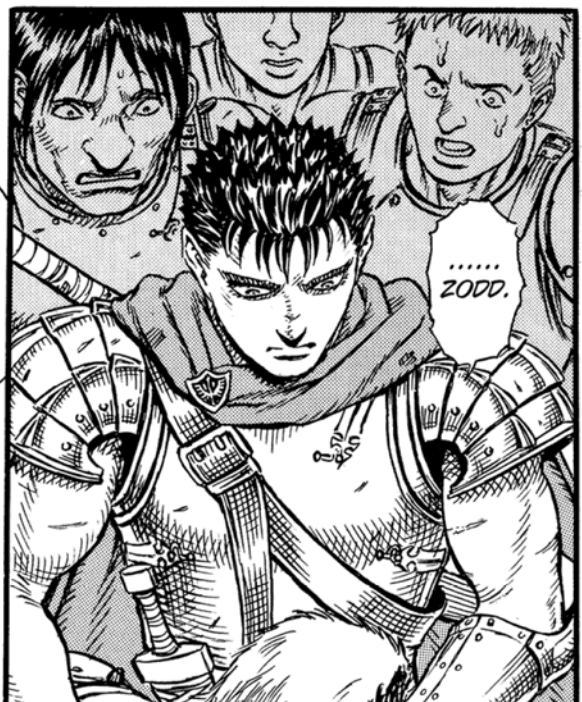
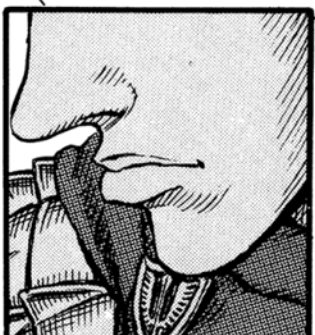
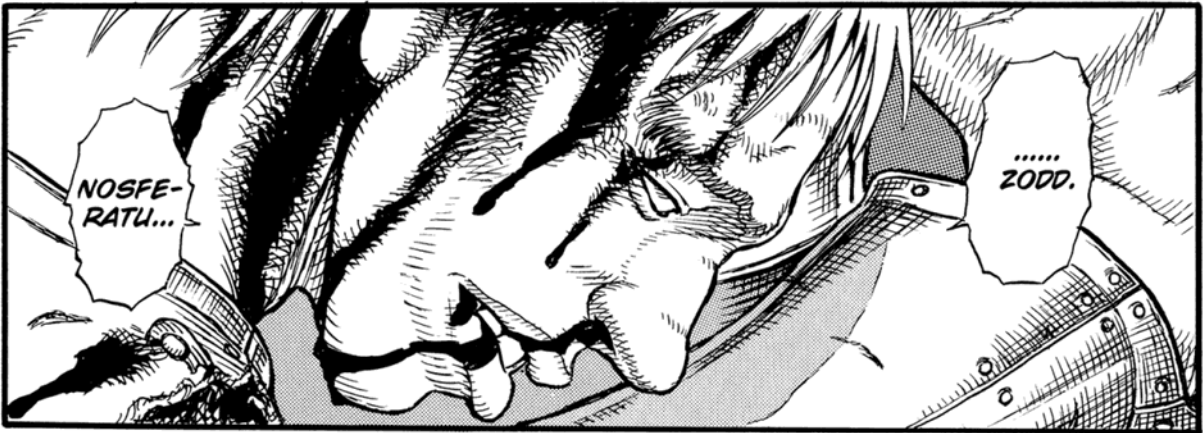
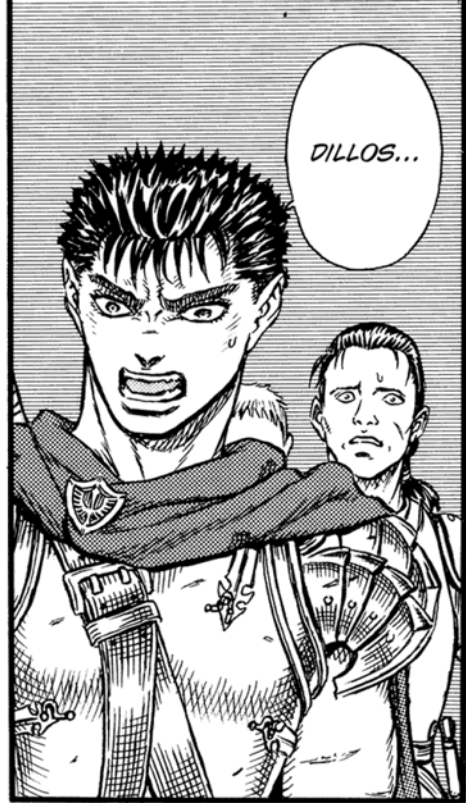
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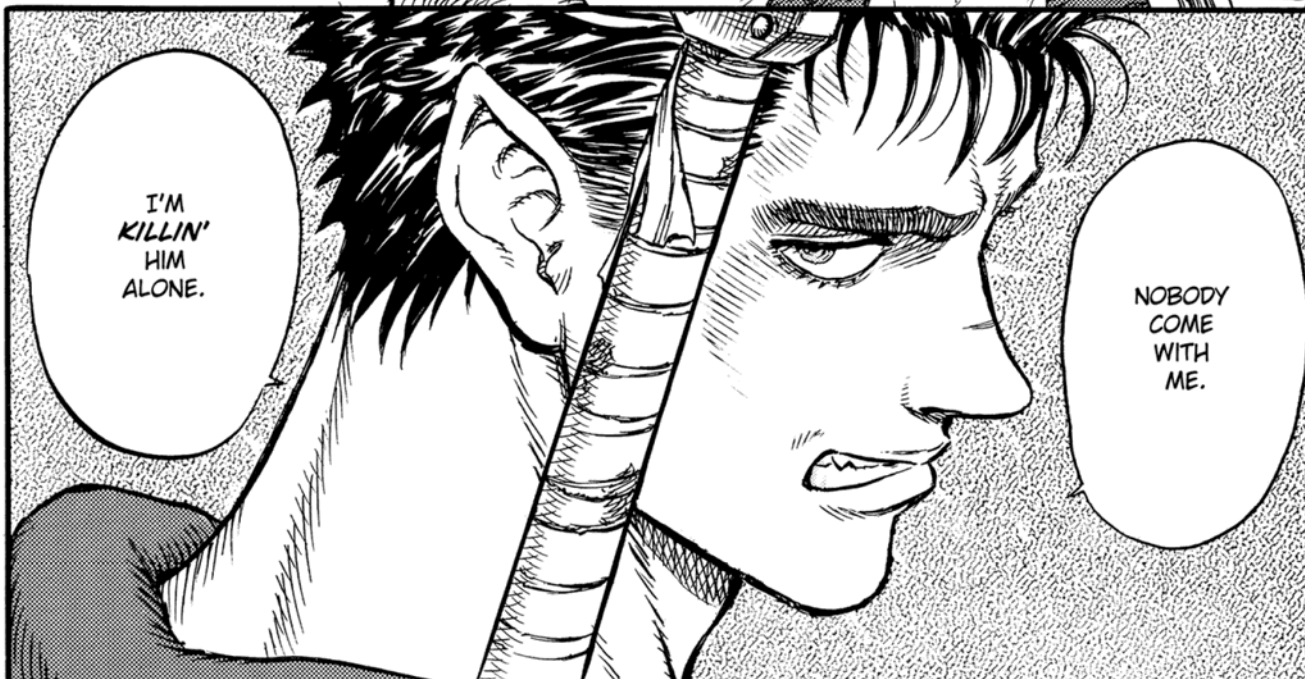


CAPTAINNN

...C ...

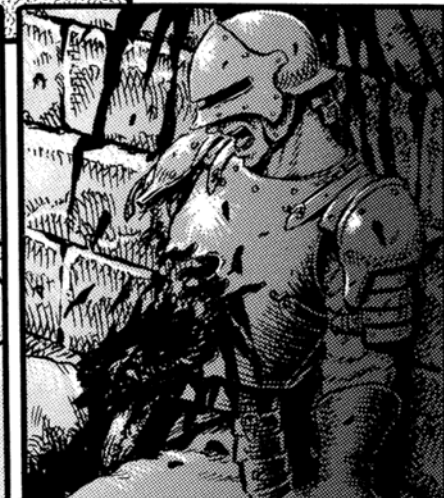
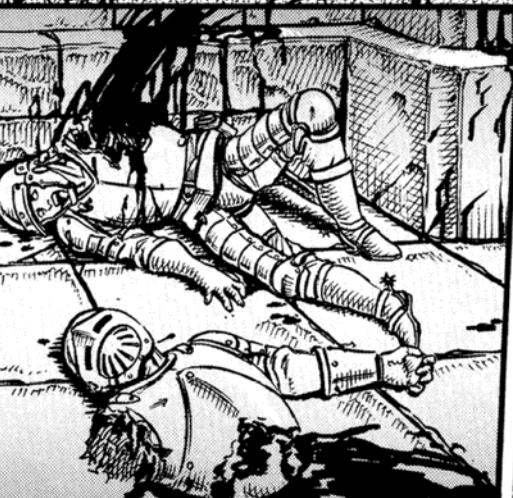
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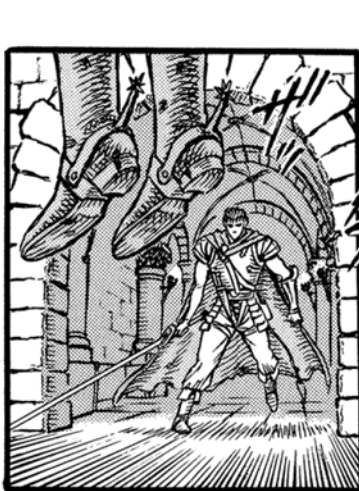
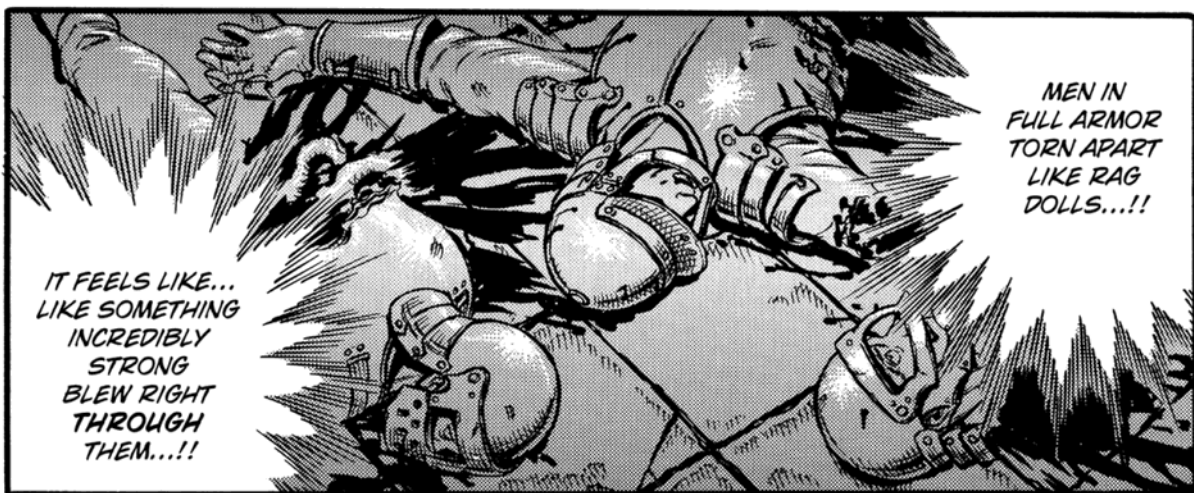
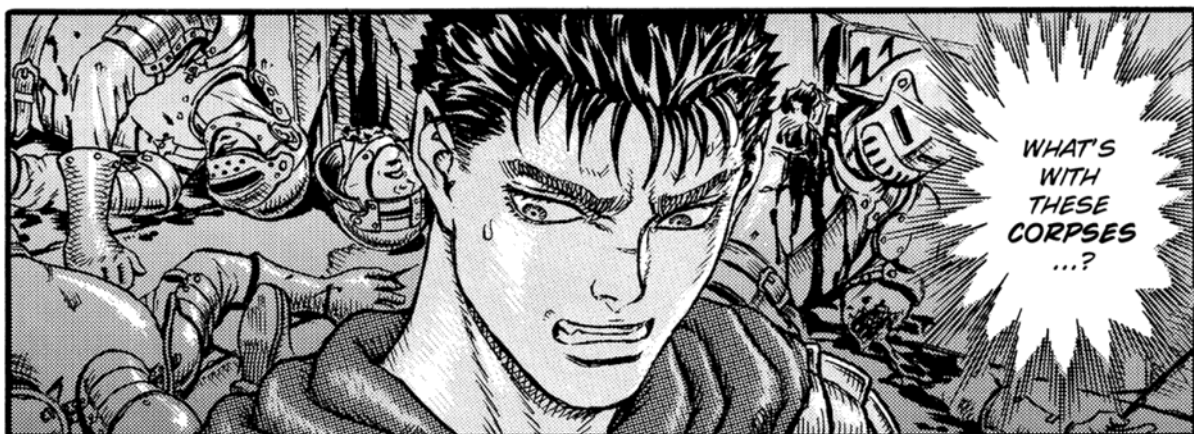




I'M
KILLIN'
HIM
ALONE.

NOBODY
COME
WITH
ME.

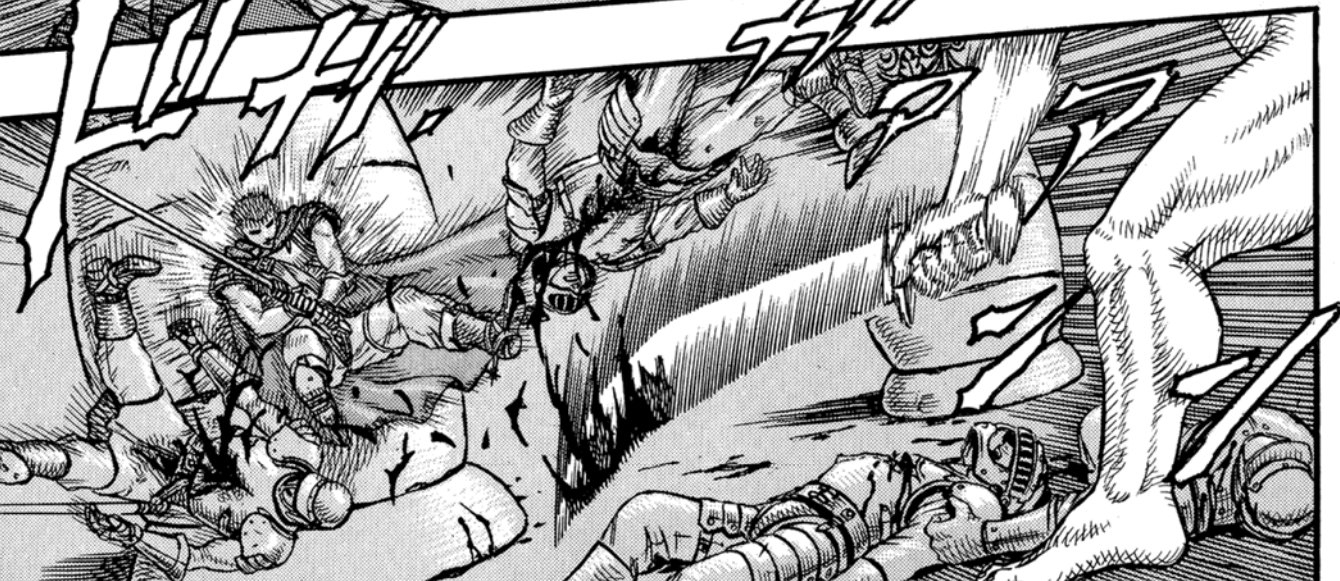
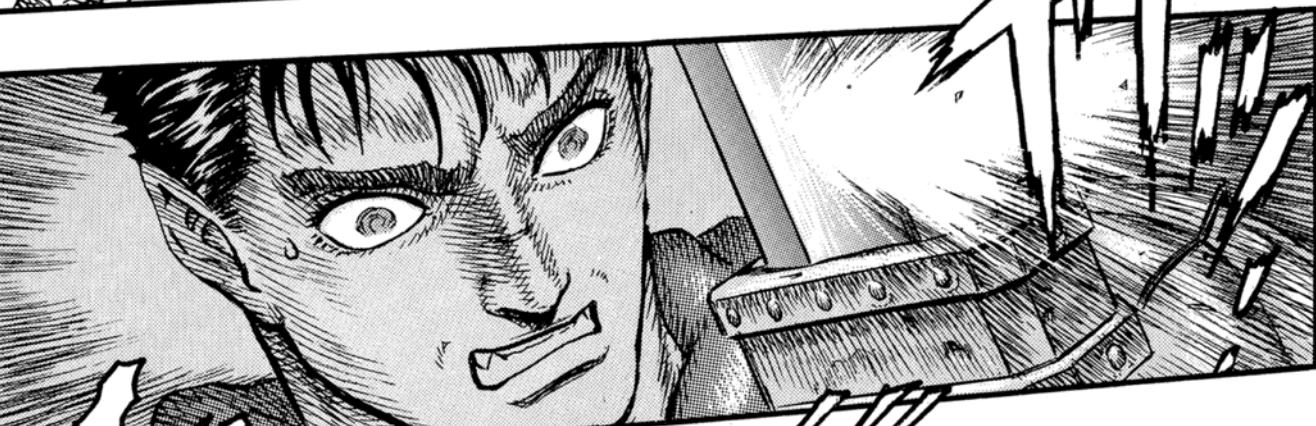














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不死のゾッド(2)

WHAT
THE
HELL...

...IS
THIS?!

















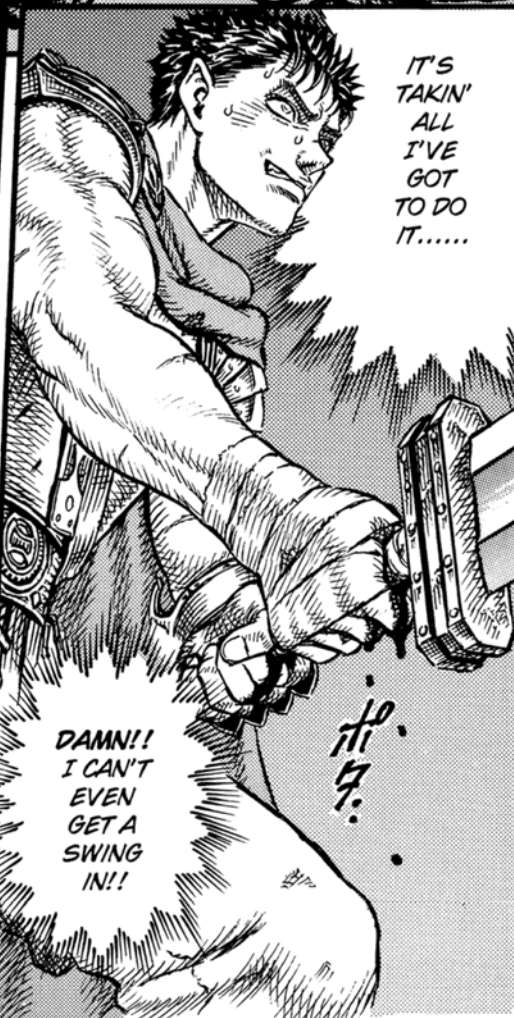
NOT ONE
MAN IN
FIFTY YEARS
HAS BEEN ABLE
TO STOP
MY SWORD
THIS LONG!!



HE'S STRONGER
THAN ANYONE I'VE
EVER CROSSED
SWORDS WITH!!
I WAS SPEECHLESS
AT HOW GOOD
GRIFFITH WAS,
BUT **THIS GUY.....**



HE'S THE
STRONGEST!!

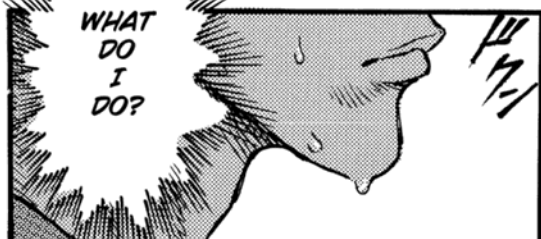


IT'S
TAKIN'
ALL
I'VE
GOT
TO DO
IT.....

DAMN!!
I CAN'T
EVEN
GET A
SWING
IN!!

...IS
BEYOND
HUMAN!!

HIS
POWER...

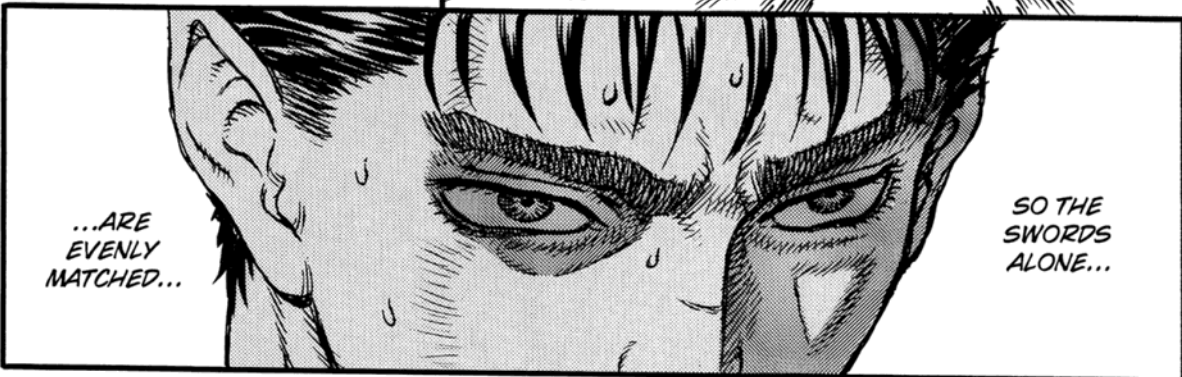




I CAN'T
STAY TOE
TO TOE
WITH
HIM!!

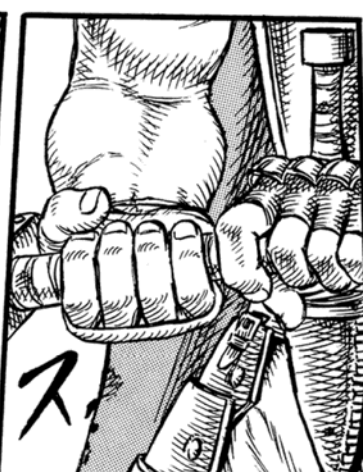


I ONLY
PARRIED HIM
THANKS TO THIS
BROADSWORD...
A NORMAL SWORD
WOULD'VE BEEN
BUSTED WITH
ONE HIT!!



...ARE
EVENLY
MATCHED...

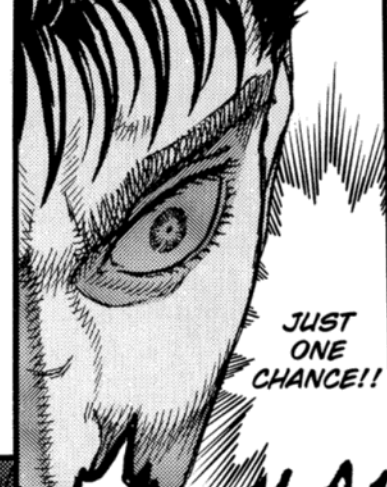
SO THE
SWORDS
ALONE...





SO BEING
UNABLE TO
KEEP BLOCKING
MY SWORD,
YOU'RE GOING
TO GAMBLE
EVERYTHING ON
ONE STRIKE.

HO...!



JUST ONE CHANCE!!



I ACCEPT!

INTERESTING!!

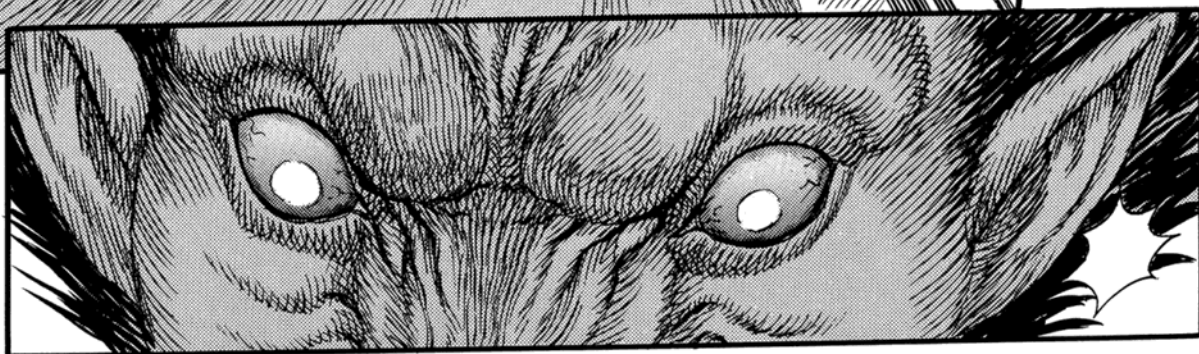


ONE CHANCE.



I'LL BET YOU'RE COUNTING ON BLADE LENGTH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BUT WILL IT? YOUR BRAINS'LL BE ON THE FLOOR BEFORE YOUR SWORD CAN TOUCH ME.





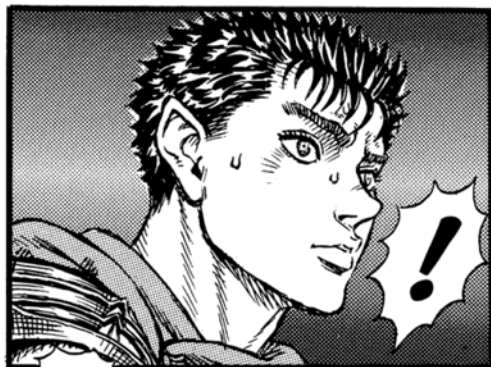


BOY!!



HYEW!





WHAT A
SURPRISE
...



THE FIRST
HUMAN EVER
TO DRIVE A
SWORD THIS
DEEP INTO
MY BODY...



...YOU'RE
THE
FIRST.



...I NEVER
THOUGHT
YOU'D TRY
TO BREAK
MY
SWORD...

...AFTER
BEING
PUSHED
BACK
THAT
FAR...

...IN THESE
PAST THREE
HUNDRED
YEARS OF
SLAUGHTER!!

NOSFERATU ZODD (2) END





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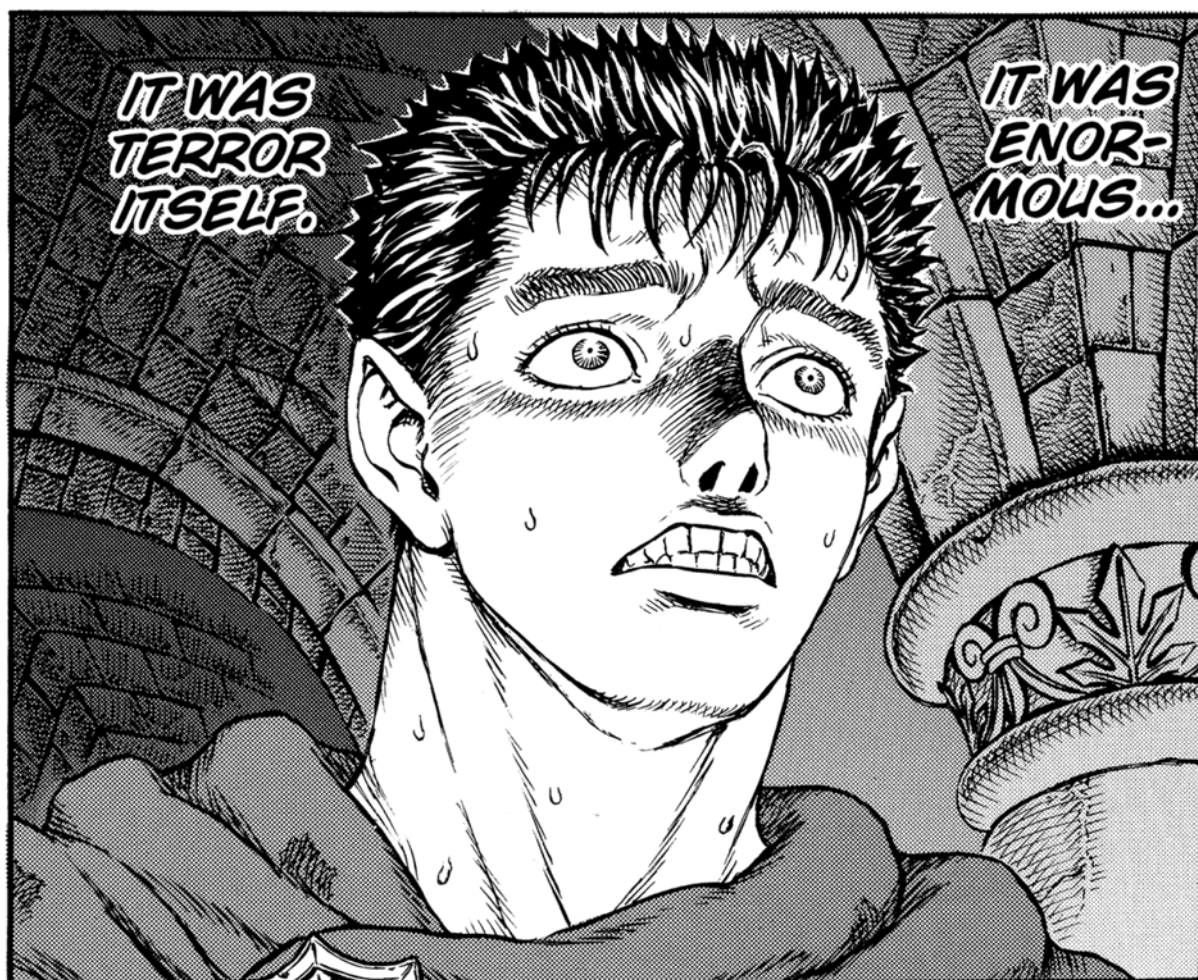
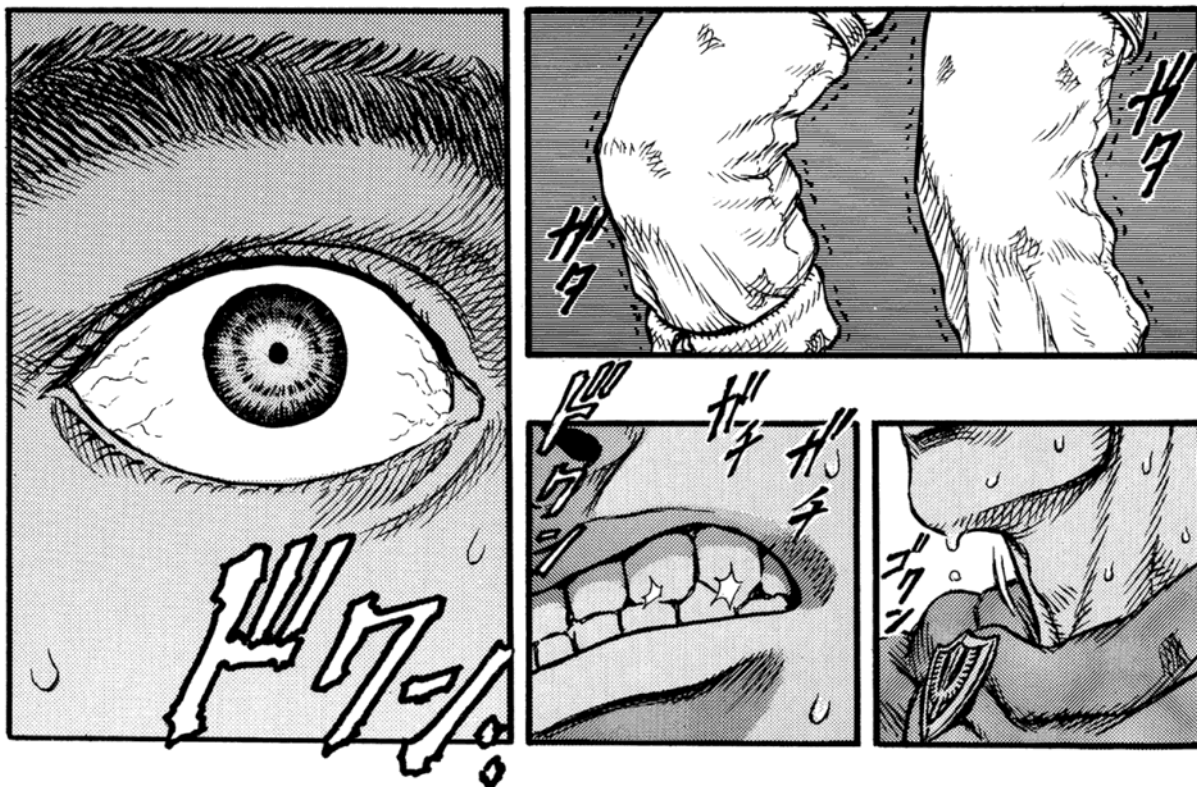
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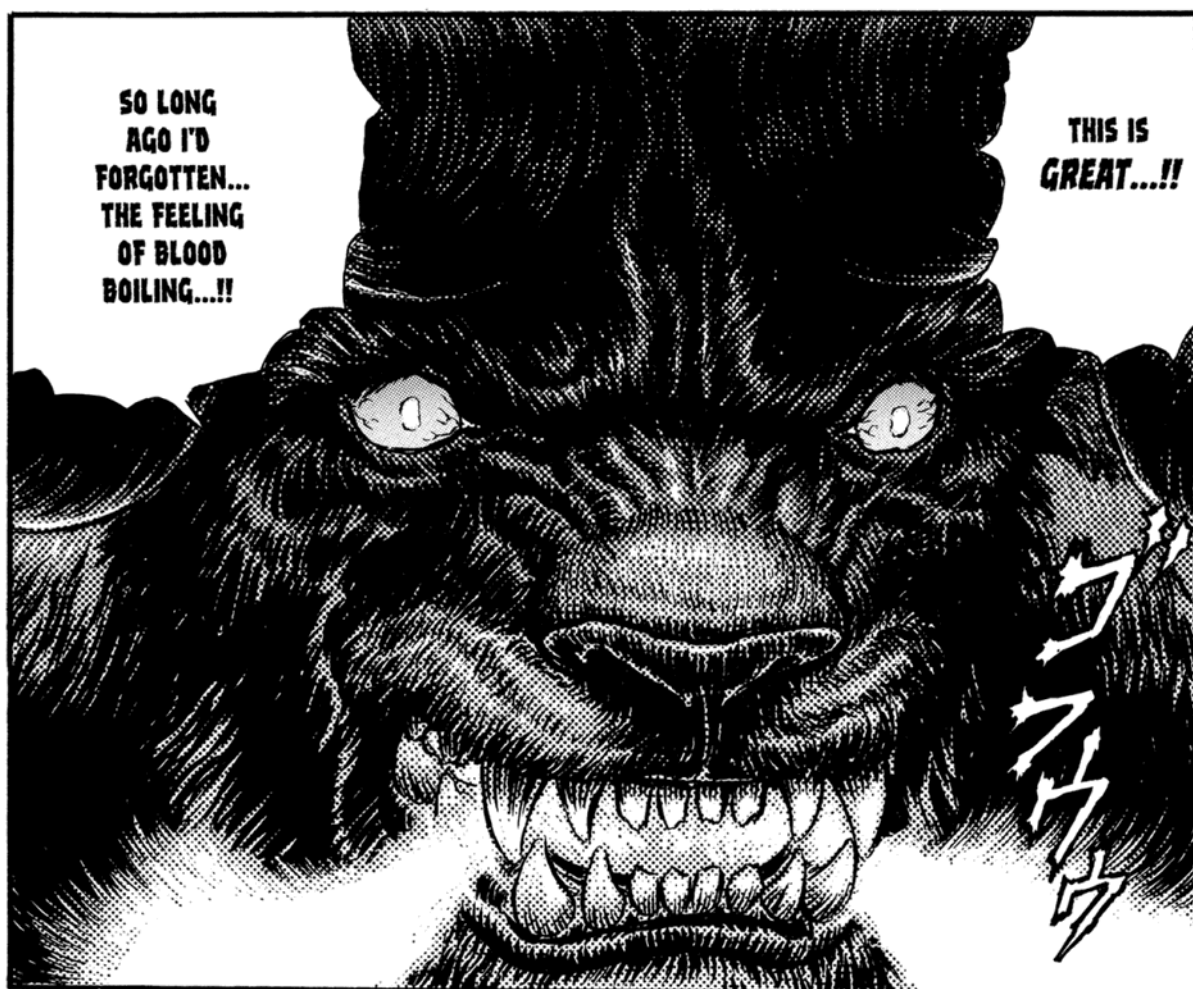
不死のゾッド(3)

NOSFERATU ZODD, CHAPTER 3









SO LONG
AGO I'D
FORGOTTEN...
THE FEELING
OF BLOOD
BOILING....!!

THIS IS
GREAT...!!

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**NOW,
FIGHT!!**

**DON'T
DISAPPOINT
ME!!**



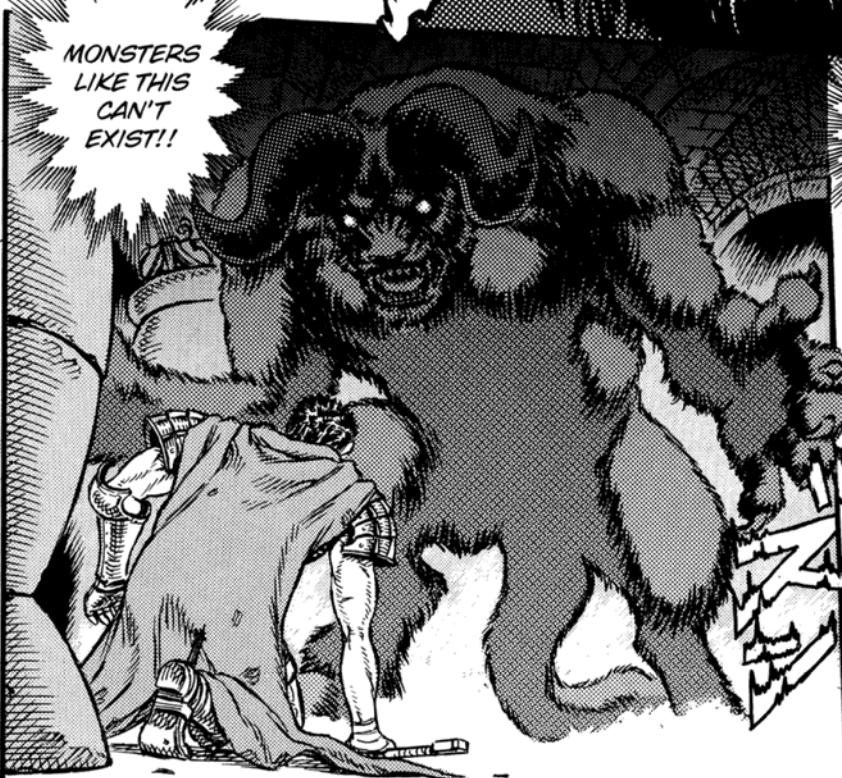
MAYBE
THAT'S
WHY I'VE
REMAINED
ALIVE
THESE THREE
HUNDRED
YEARS....!!

TO MAKE THIS
FEELING MY
OWN AGAIN...
ON THE CHANCE
I MIGHT COME
ACROSS AN
ENEMY LIKE
YOU!!





MONSTERS
LIKE THIS
CAN'T
EXIST!!

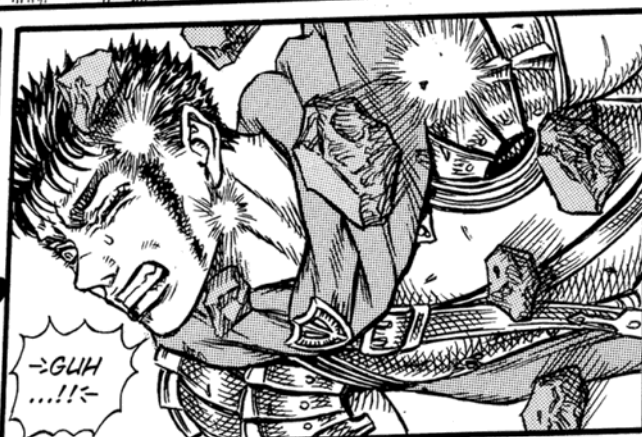


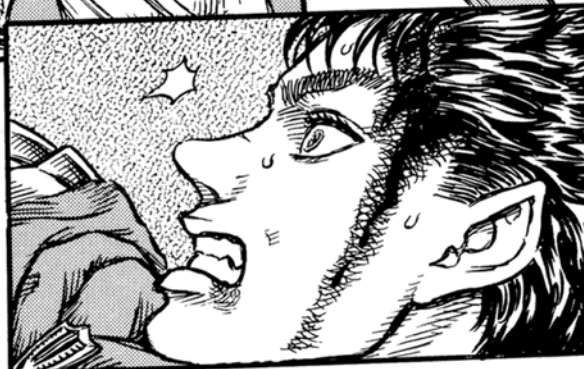
THIS
CAN'T
BE.....



IT
CAN'T
BE
REAL.....









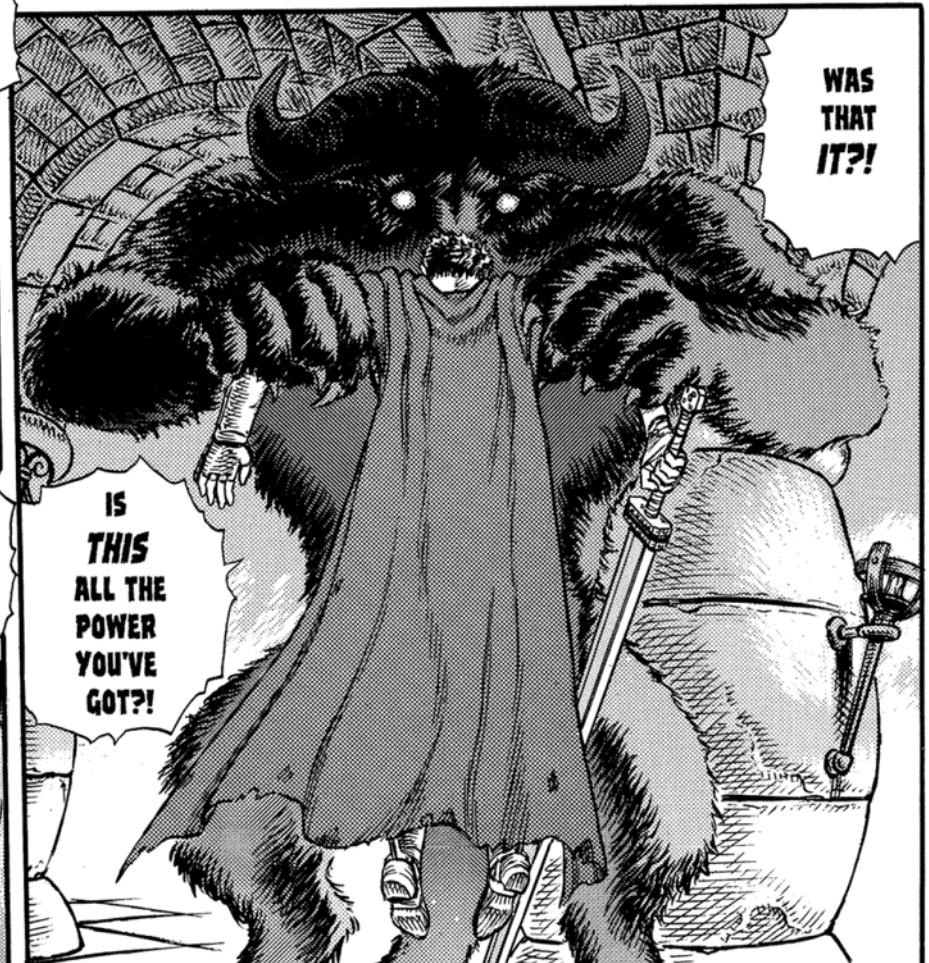
WHAT'S
WRONG?



NO.

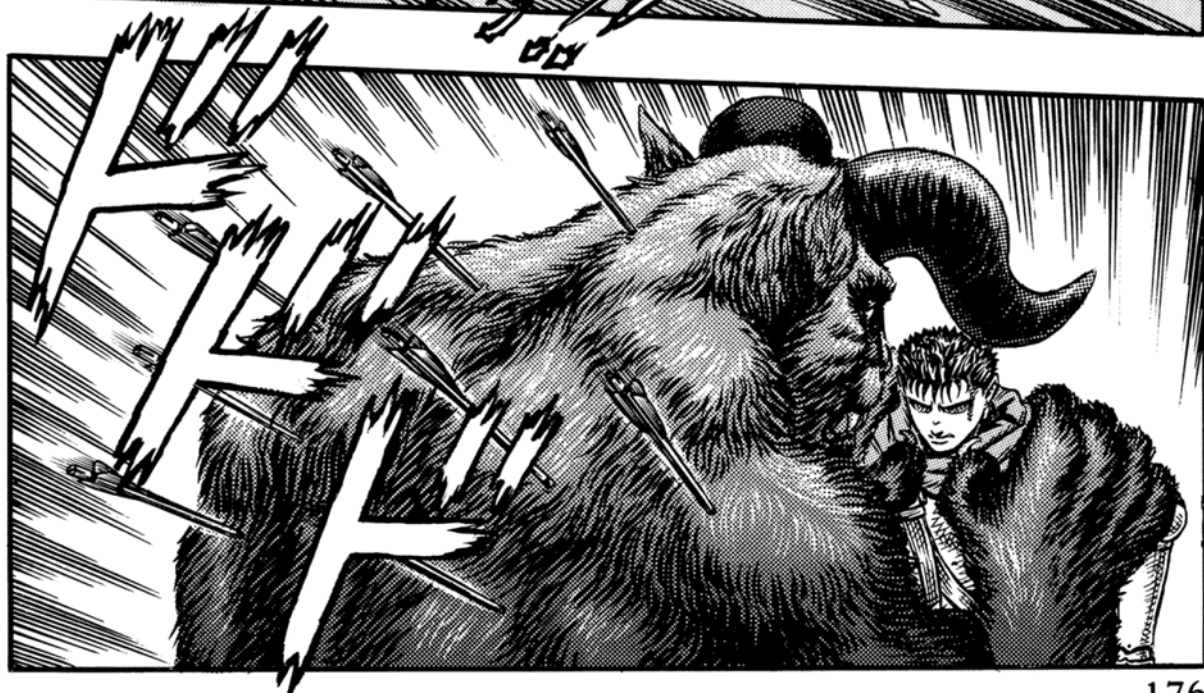
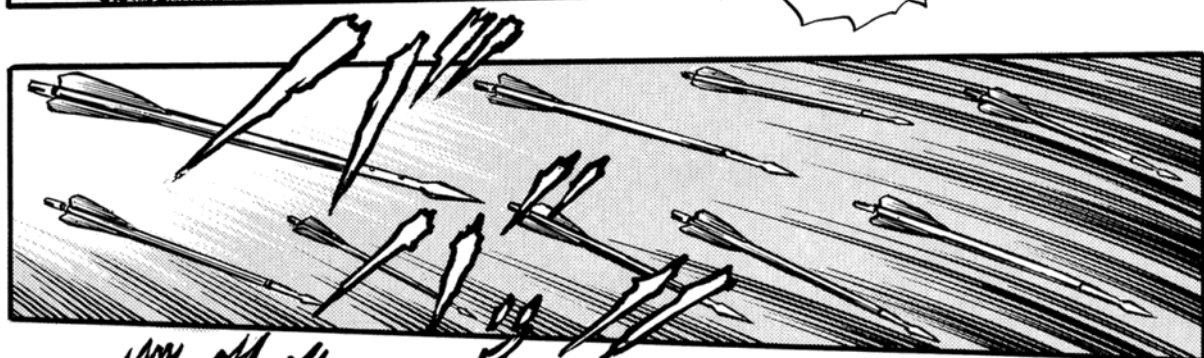
GUESS
I SHOULD
SAY YOU DID
WELL FOR A
HUMAN...

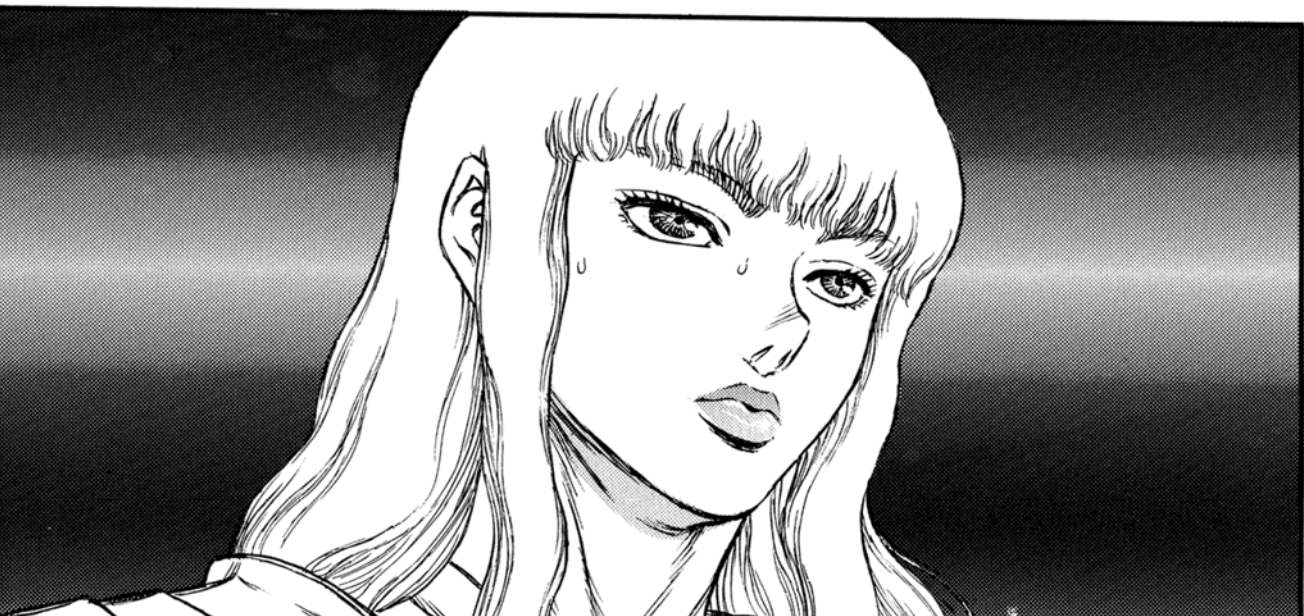
BUT I
WON'T
SHOW
MERCY...!!



WAS
THAT
IT?!

IS
THIS
ALL THE
POWER
YOU'VE
GOT?!







IS THIS
SOME KINDA
NIGHTMARE
OR
SOME-
THIN'...?

H...HEY,
WHAT
THE
HELL IS
THAT...?



WHAT
IS
THAT?!



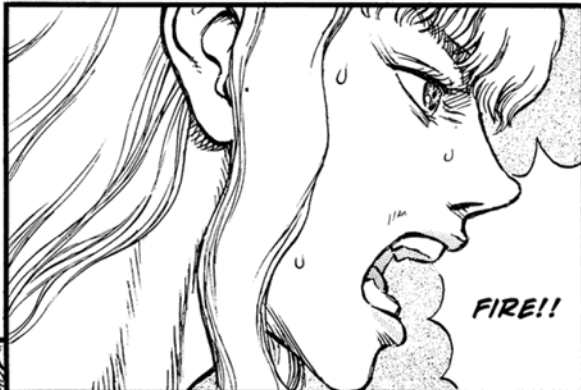
IS...IS THAT
NOSFERATU
ZODD? HUH?

HHHH-
HEY!!

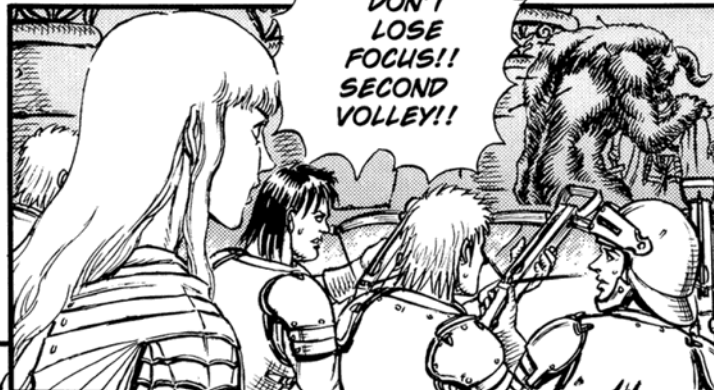
....
...!!



GRIFFITH
.....



FIRE!!



DON'T
LOSE
FOCUS!!
SECOND
VOLLEY!!





THIS
MUSTN'T
BE.



DID...
WE
KILL
IT!?



I
WON'T
HAVE
THIS....!!

NO ONE
MAY
DEFILE
THIS
BATTLE.....!!

YEE...

....!!

I WON'T
HAVE IT!!





FORGET
IT...!!

FALL
BACK...

RUUUUUN!!



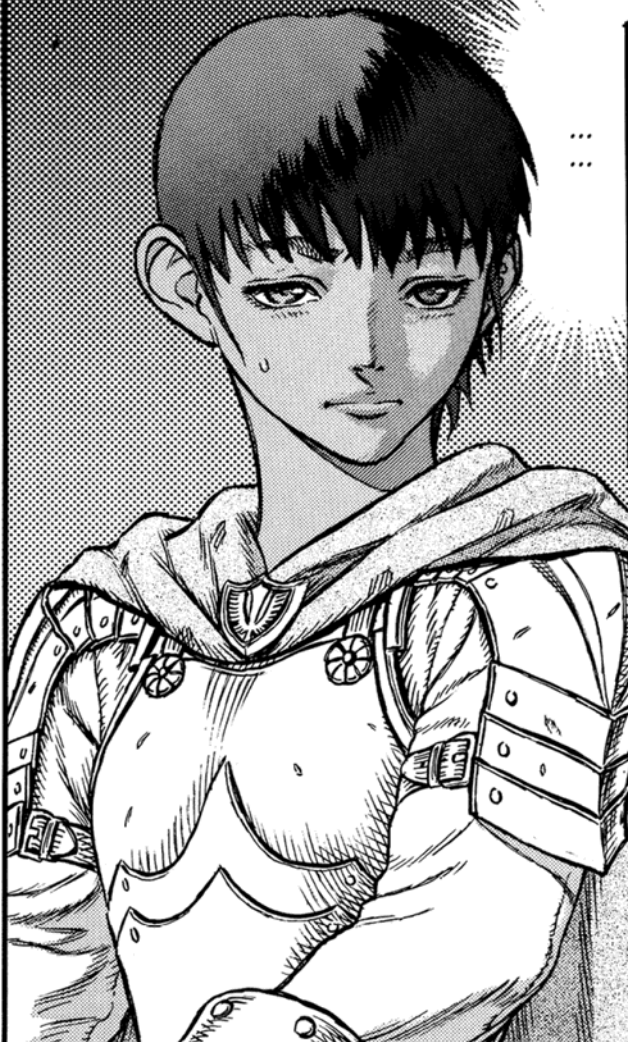




WHA...
WHAT A
MONSTER!!

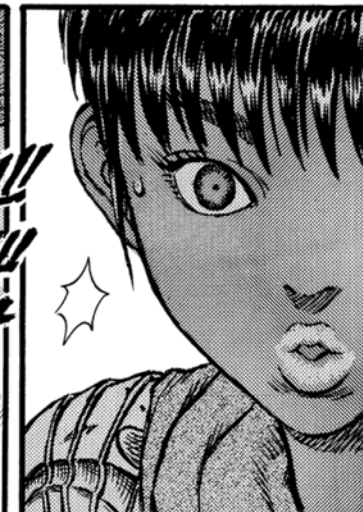
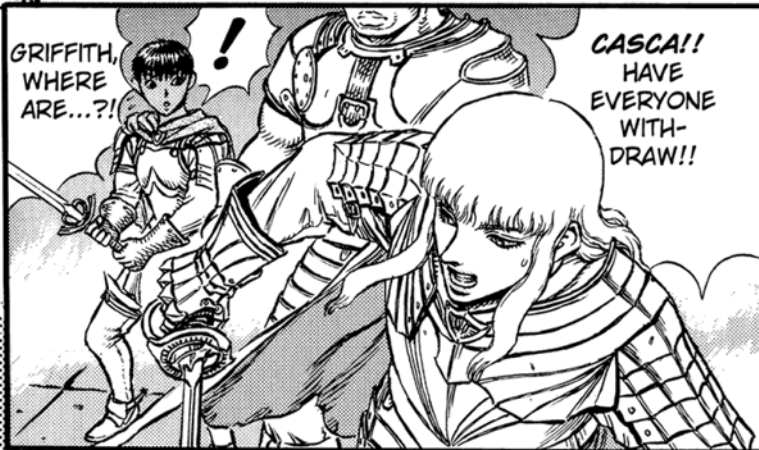
...IT'S
NO USE!!
NO HUMAN
CAN FIGHT
THIS
THING!!

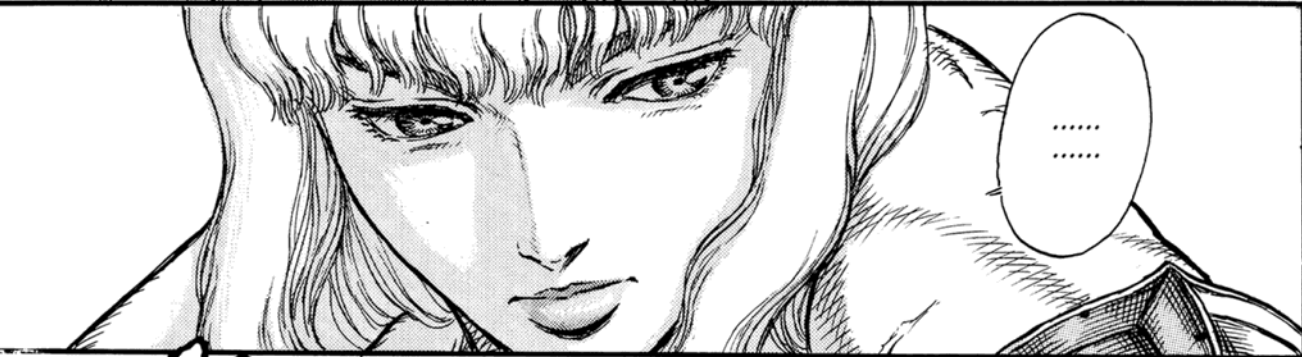
AIEE!



...
...
GRIFFITH,
WHERE
ARE...?!

CASCA!!
HAVE
EVERYONE
WITH-
DRAW!!

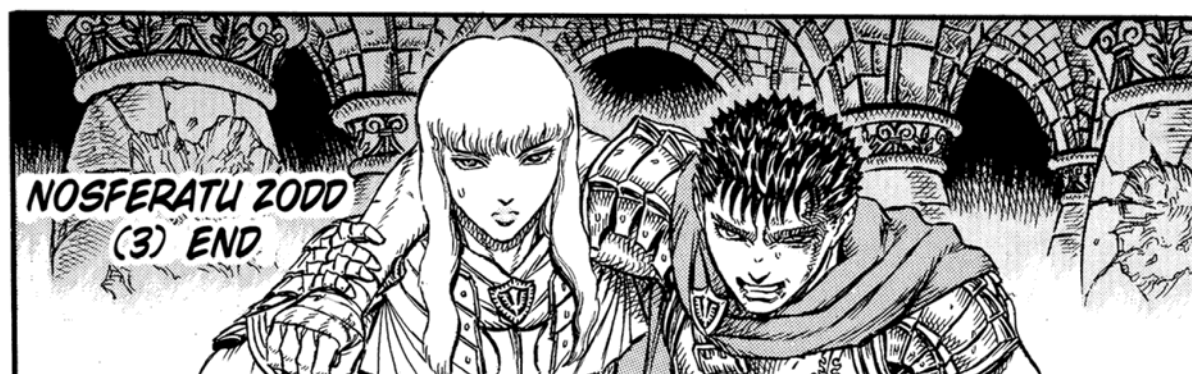






YOUR
HEART'S
STILL
BEATING.

WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?

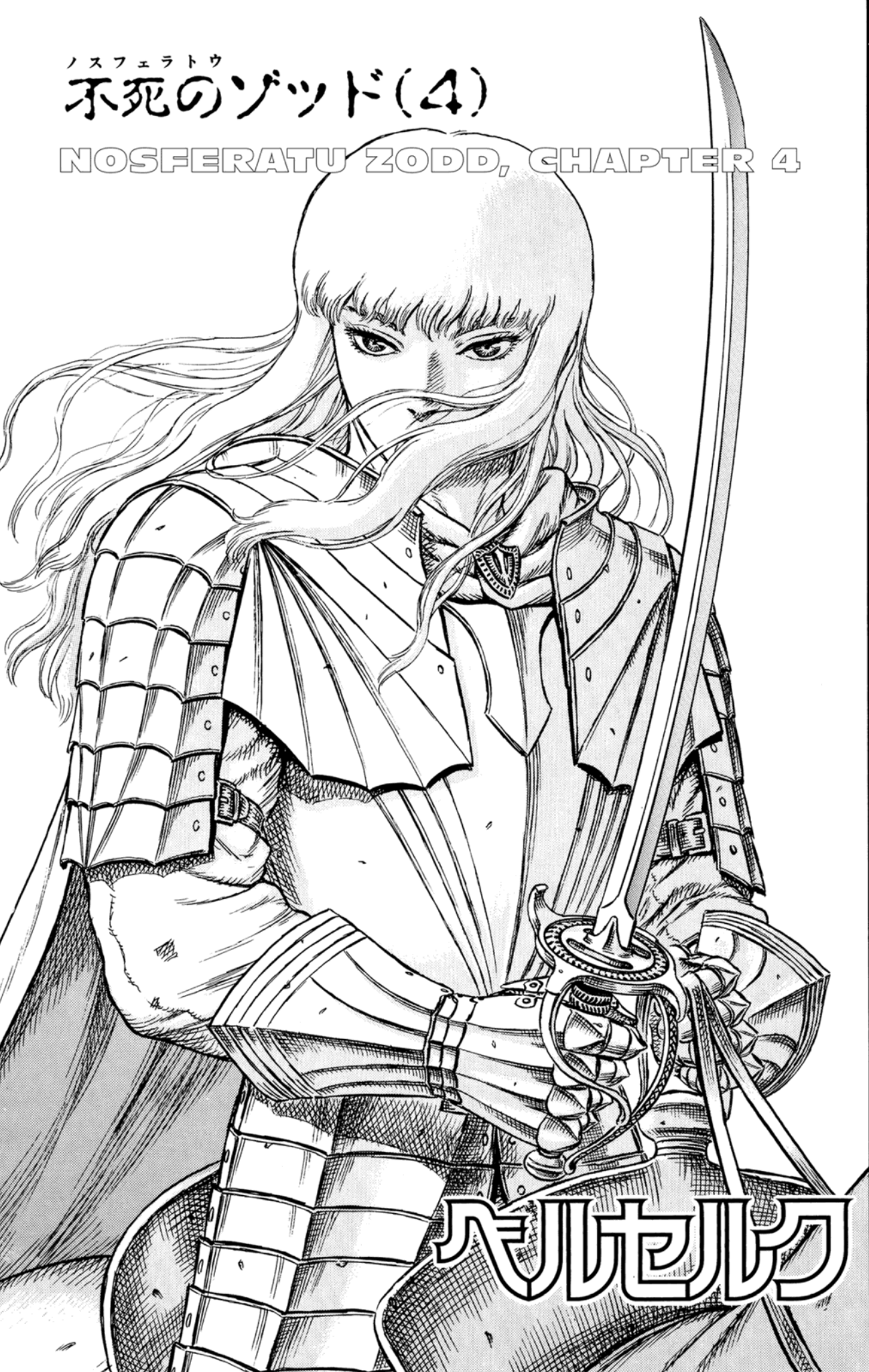


NOSFERATU ZODD
(3) END

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不死のゾッド(4)

NOSFERATU ZODD, CHAPTER 4



不死のゾッド

FIGHT!

**FIGHT
ME
UNTIL
YOU'RE
TORN TO
PIECES...!!**

**END
OF THE
ROAD,
AH...?!**







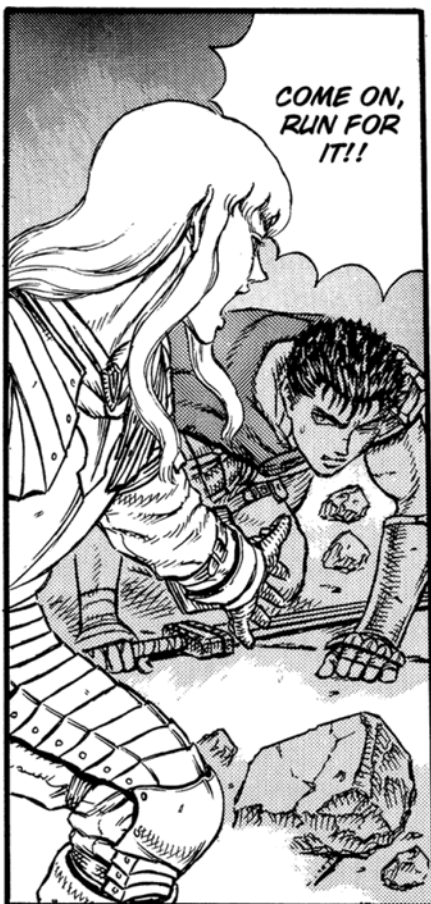
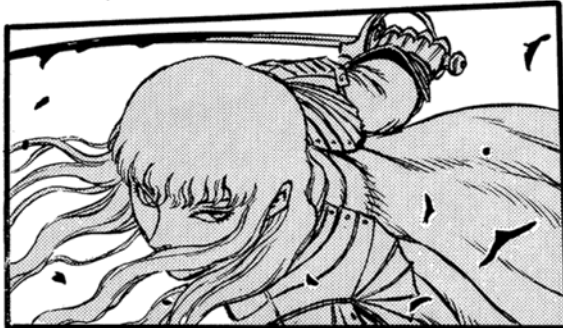
CAN YOU MOVE?!

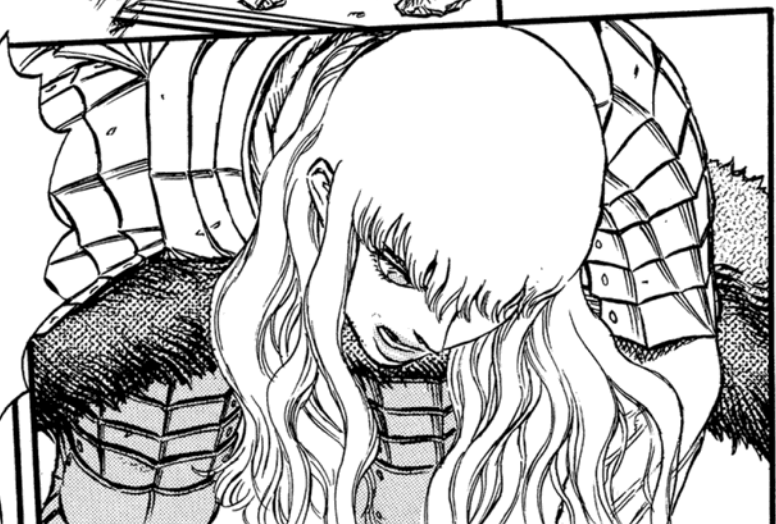
WE'RE DEAD IF I DON'T!!

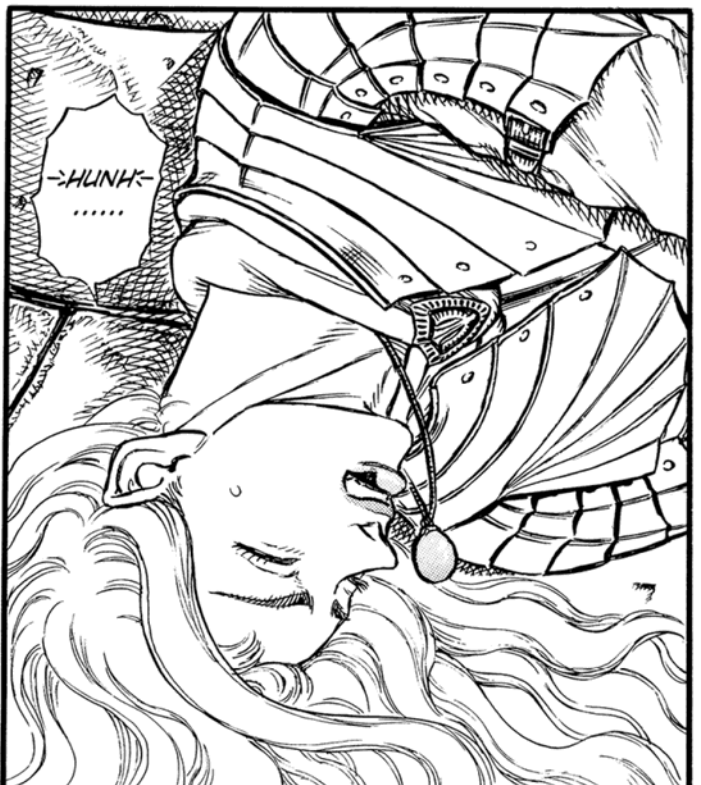
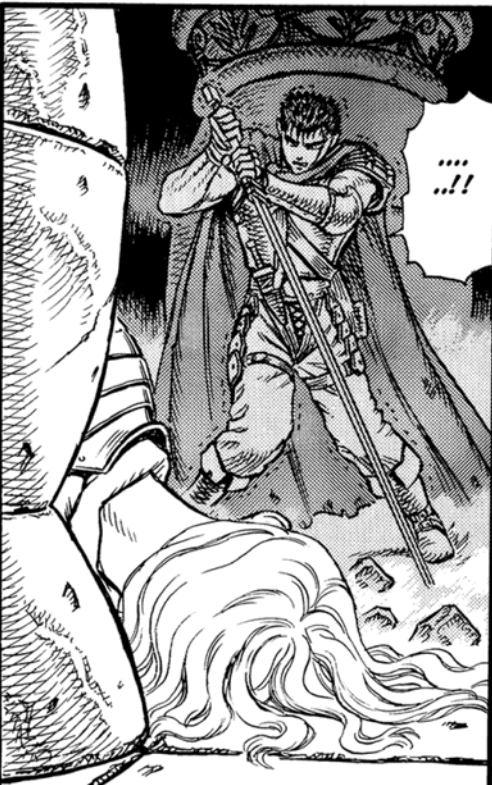
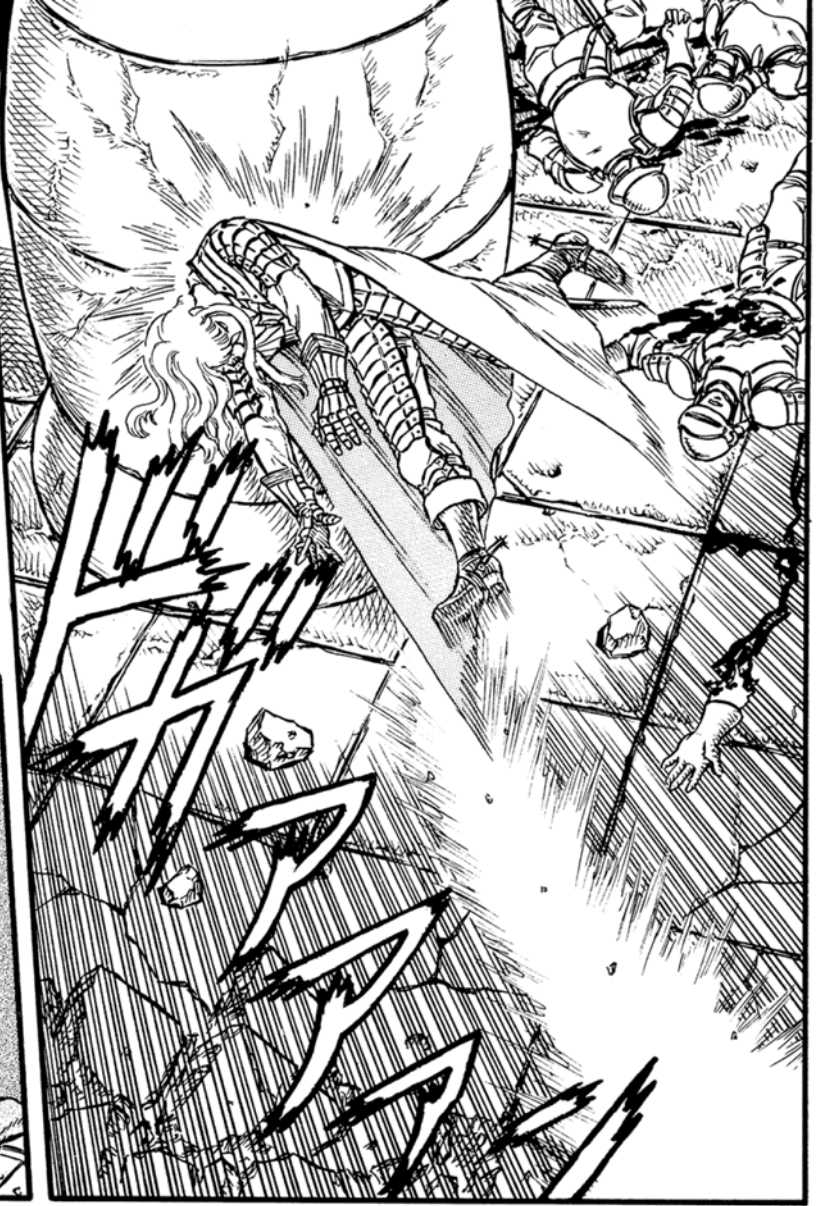
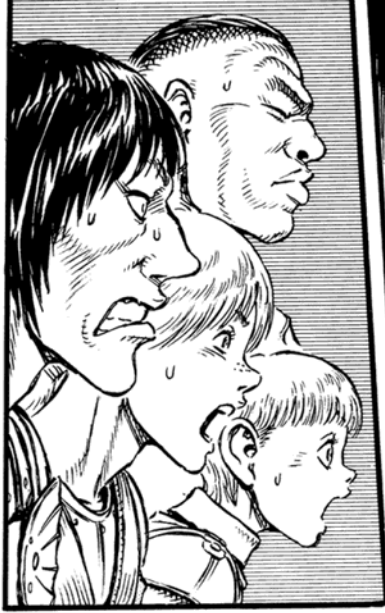
LET'S GO!!

YOU FROM THE LEFT!!

!



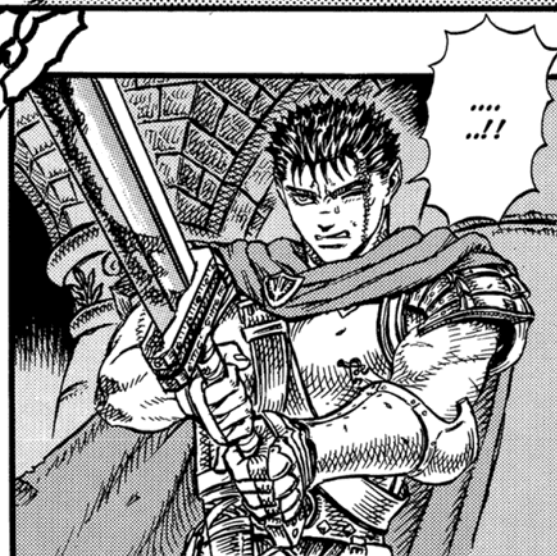




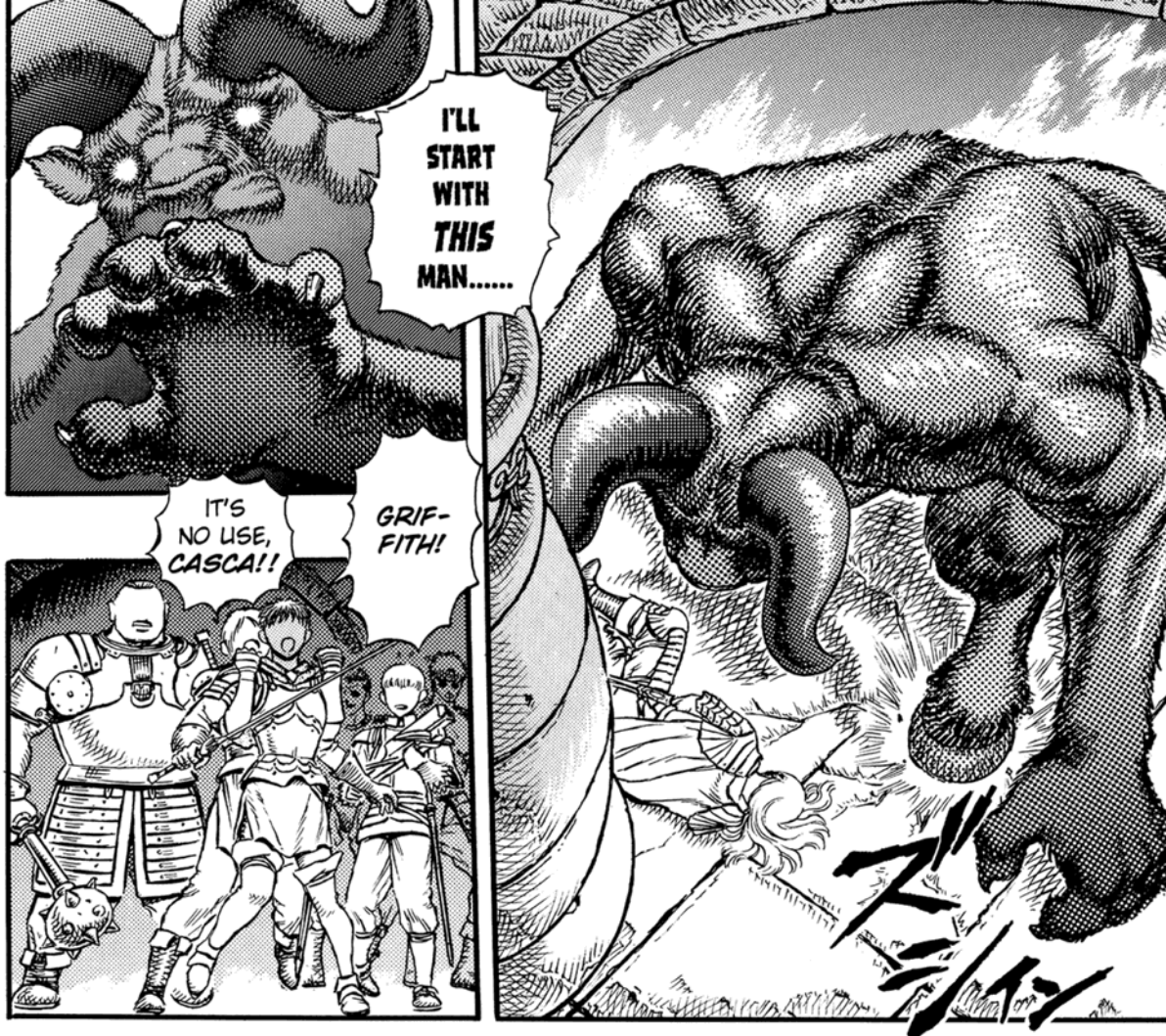


THAT I'D MEET
A HUMAN...
TWO HUMANS
WHO COULD
WOUND ME SO...

WHAT A
DAY
TODAY'S
BEEN.....







**THE EGG
OF THE
KING!?**





IT...
**CAN'T
BE!!**

THE **EGG**
OF THE
KING...?!

A **CUB**
LIKE
HIM...

...WITH THE
CRIMSON
BEHELIT
...?!

...THE
GODHAND...



HUH...HUH...
...

HUH...



...?

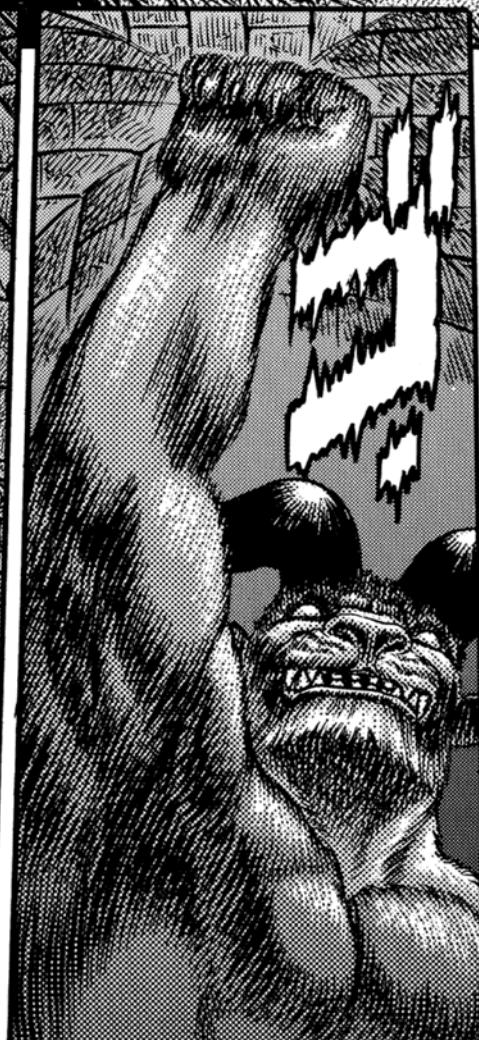


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SO...

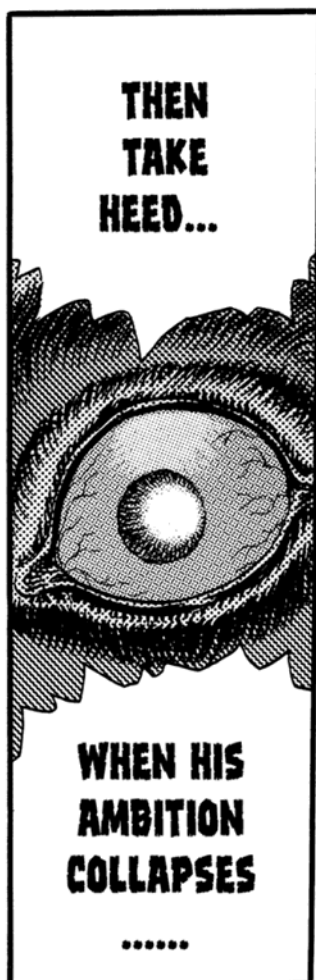
IT'S
THAT
KIND
OF
PLAY.





OUR
BATTLE
IS ON
HOLD FOR
NOW, BOY.

BUT.....I
WONDER IF
I'LL *EVER*
MEET UP
WITH YOU
AGAIN...?



THEN
TAKE
HEED...

WHEN HIS
AMBITION
COLLAPSES
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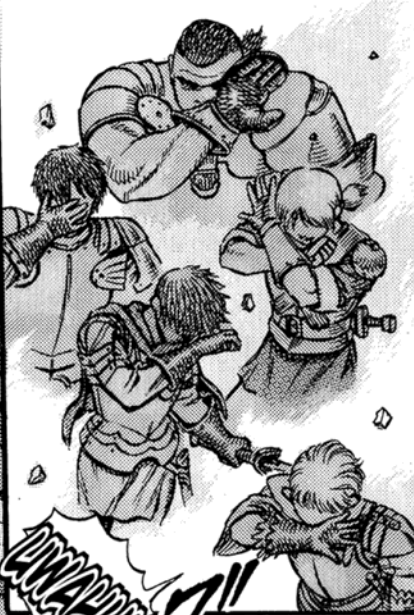
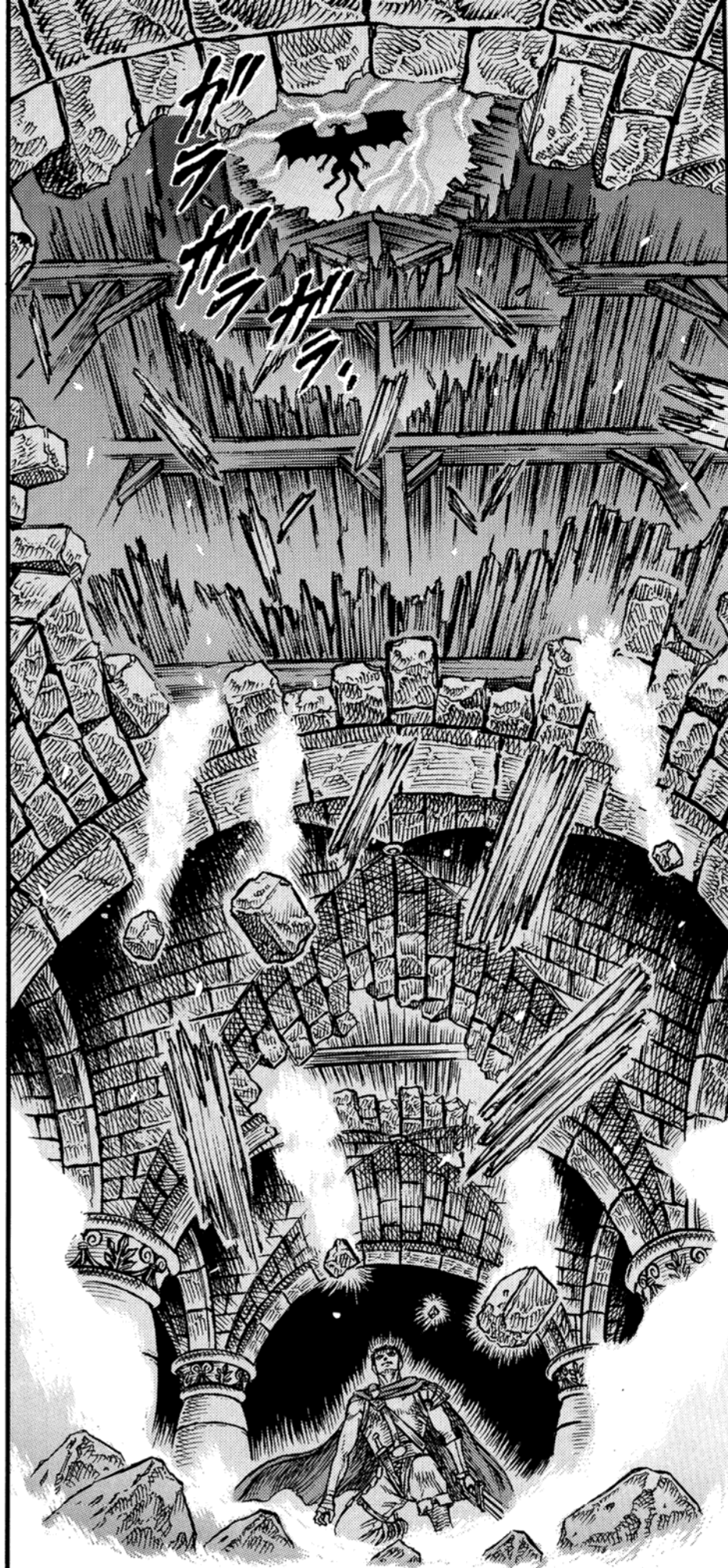
HERE'S A
WORD OF
WARNING...
NO, A
PROPHECY.

IF YOU CAN BE
SAID TO BE A
TRUE FRIEND
OF THIS MAN...

**A DEATH
YOU CAN
NEVER
ESCAPE!!**

**DEATH
WILL
PAY
YOU A
VISIT!!**







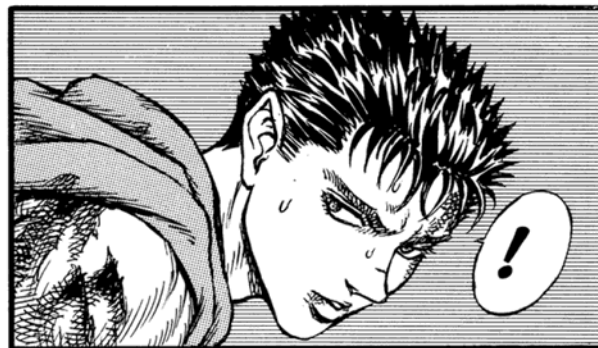
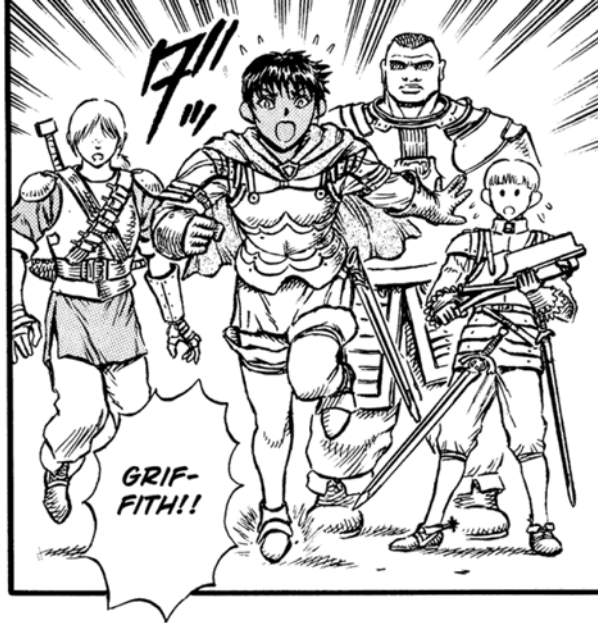
A
DEMON?

WHAT'S
THAT?



YOU
MEAN...
I'M
GOING
TO
DIE...?

DEATH?



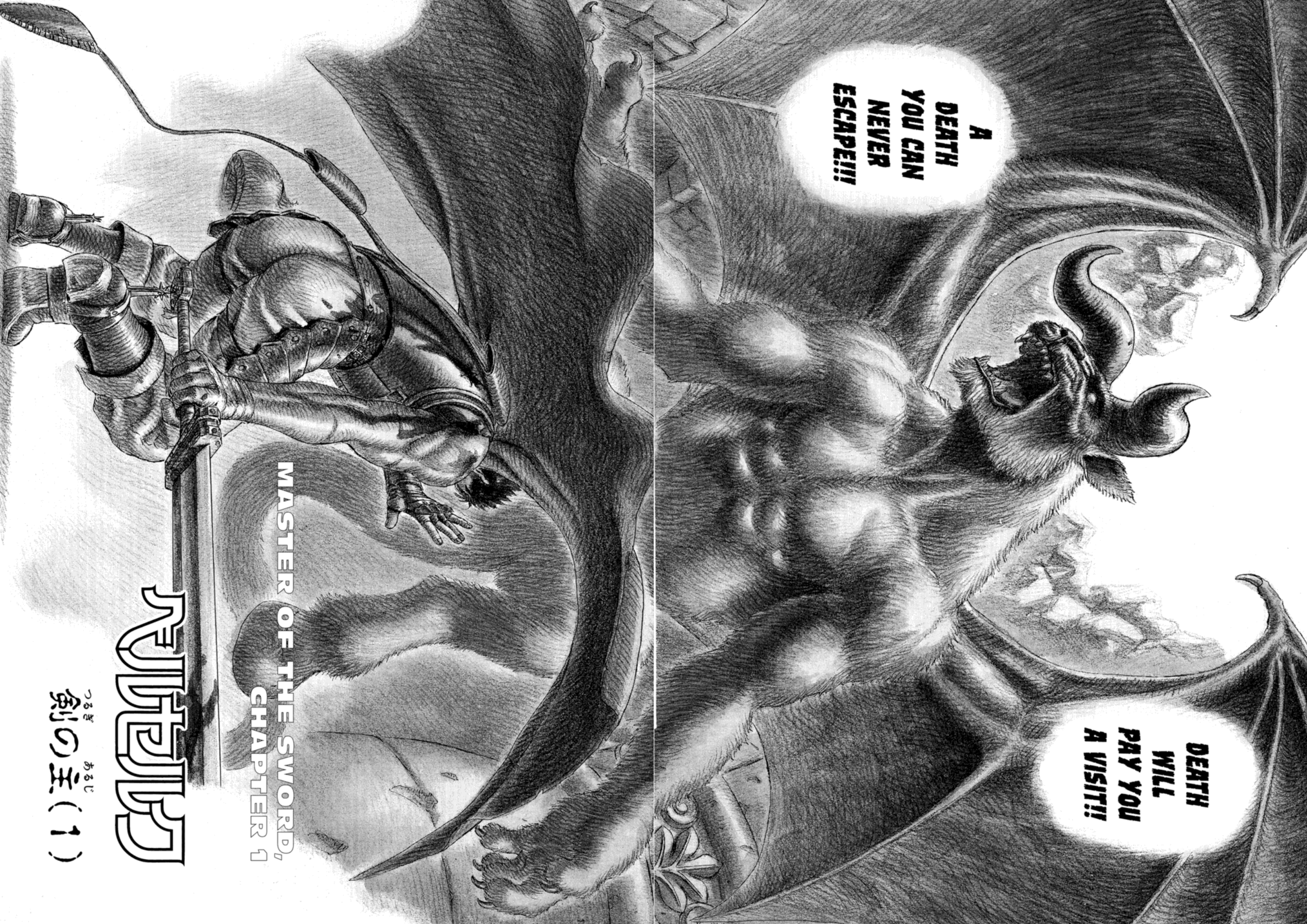
**...IF IT
WEREN'T
FOR YOU!!!**

THIS
NEVER
WOULD HAVE
HAPPENED
TO
GRIFFITH...

IT'S
YOUR
FAULT...



NOSFERATU ZODD (4) END



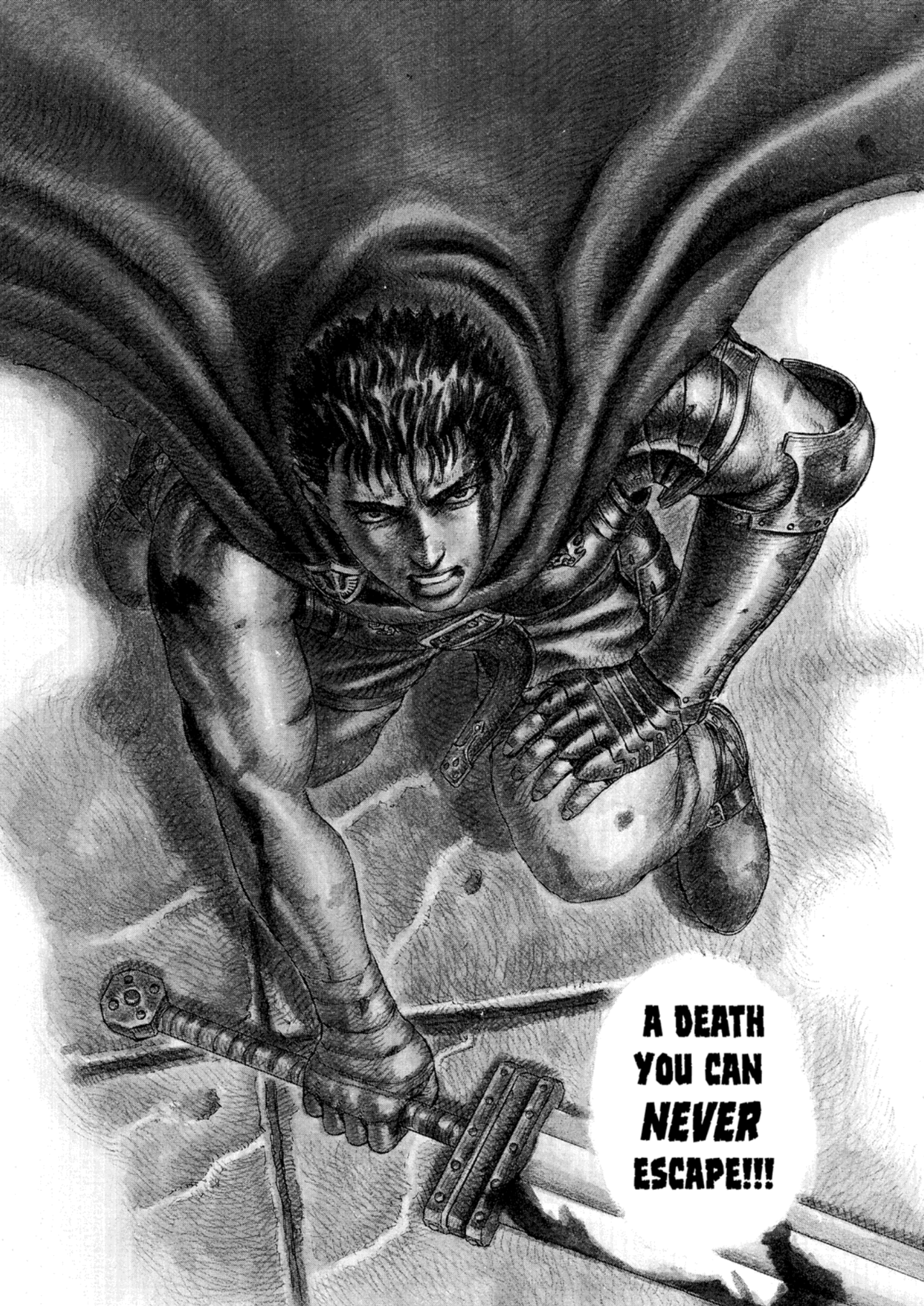
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CHAPTER 1**

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**A DEATH
YOU CAN
NEVER
ESCAPE!!!**



WINDHAM
CASTLE,
ROYAL
CAPITAL
OF
MIDLAND.



EVEN IF
HE WAS
WOUNDED,
YOU CANNOT
CALL
THAT A
BLUNDER.

BESIDES,
THEY WERE
EVENTUALLY
SUCCESSFUL
IN SUBDUING
THE STRONG-
HOLD.

YES...YOU
MEAN ABOUT
GRIFFITH'S
GRAVE INJURIES
IN THEIR
RECENT
BATTLE...

BUT IT
SEEMS IT
WAS NOT
JUST ONE
OR TWO
WHO
WITNESSED
IT.

SPECIAL THANKS TO YAGO

A
SIMPLE
BUT
EFFECTIVE
CHILD'S
TRICK!

DID YOU
HEAR
ABOUT
THE BAND
OF THE
HAWK?

THE SOLDIERS
WERE SAYING...THAT
SOME GIANT, FELL
BEAST APPEARED
IN A **CHUDER**
STRONGHOLD.....

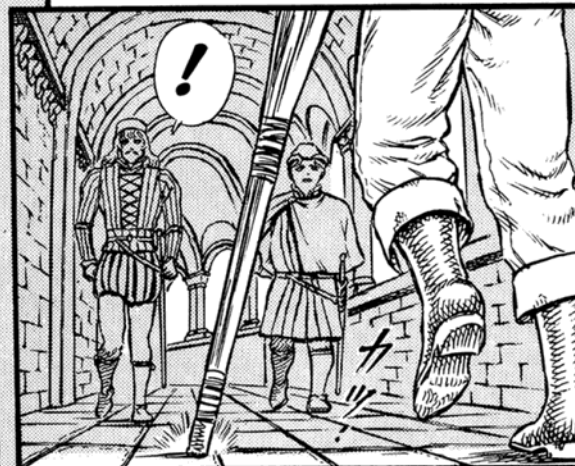
JUST A
FALSEHOOD!
IT'S TO
CONCEAL
THEIR OWN
BLUNDER.





ARGGGH,
IT'S SO
VEXING...

THIS WILL
BE ANOTHER
STEP IN THE
SUCCESSIVE
RISE OF HIS
MERIT...



THAT LAST BATTLE WAS
QUITE THE *CALAMITY*. A
BEAST APPEARING ON
THE BATTLEFIELD, EH?

DID YOU
RECEIVE
THOSE WOUNDS
AT THE *HANDS*
OF SAID BEAST?

AHH?



CLEAR
THE WAY,
YOU
CHURL!

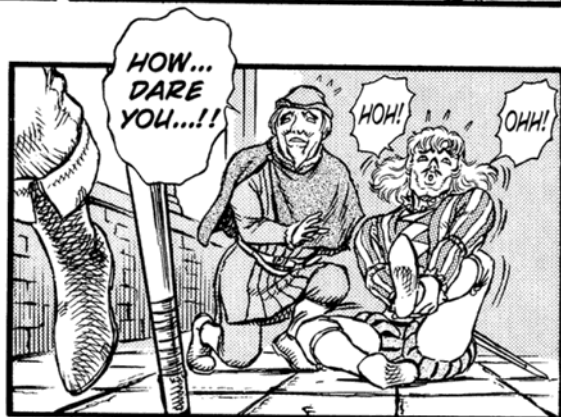
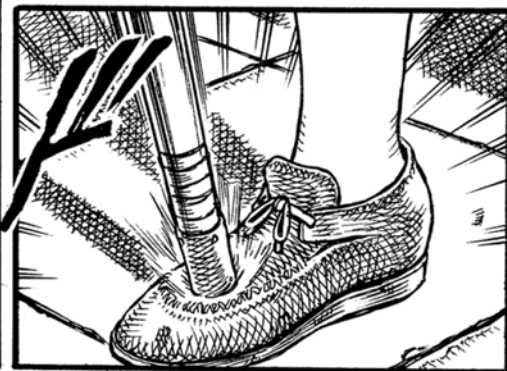


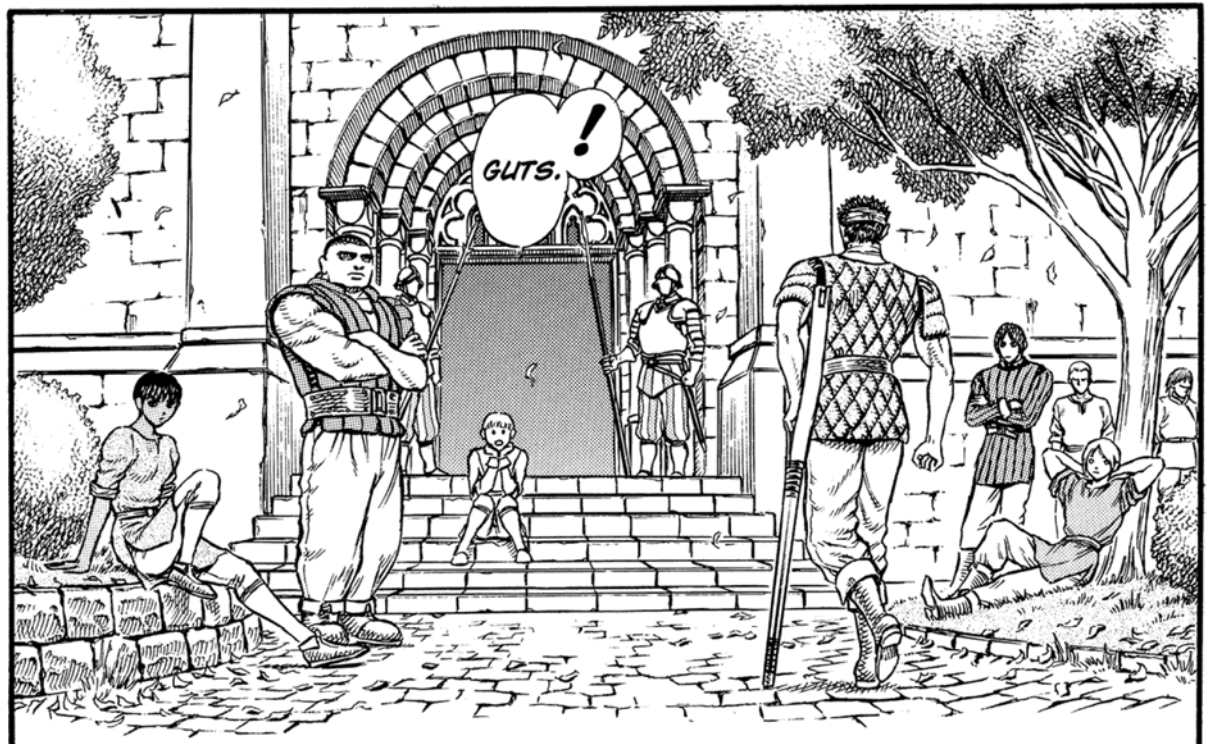
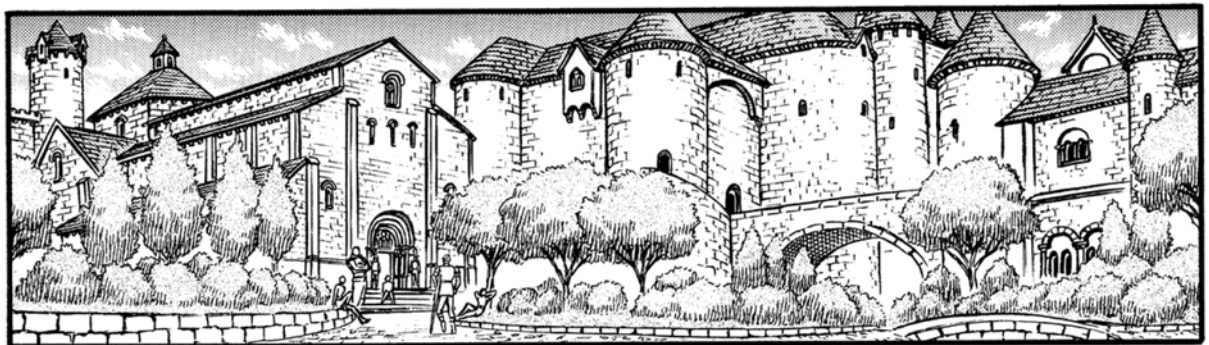
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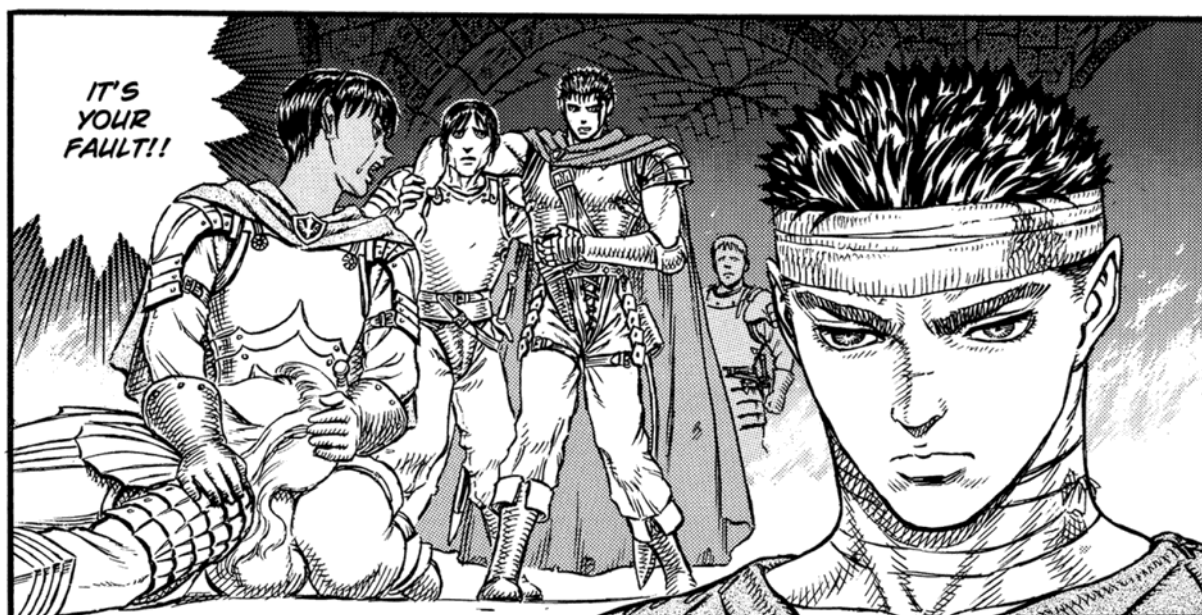
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CAPTAIN OF
THE HAWK'S
RAIDERS.....

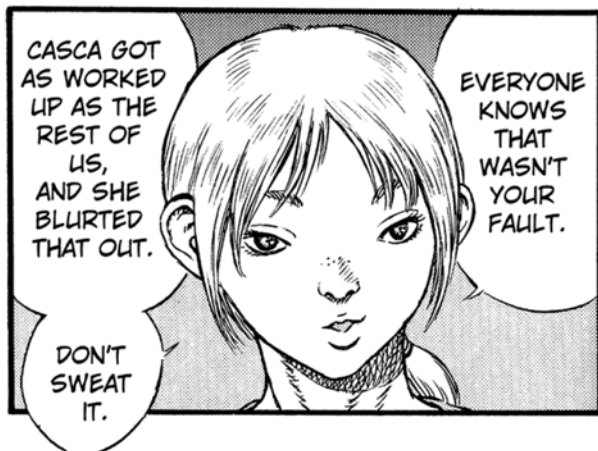
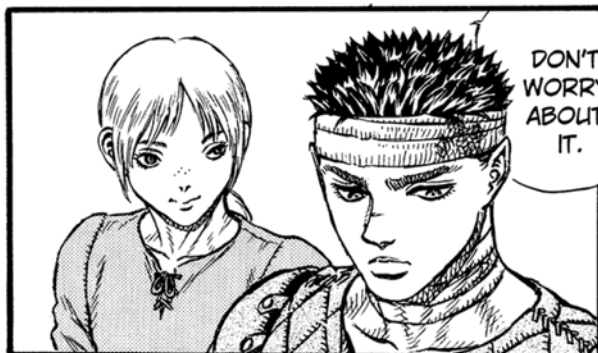


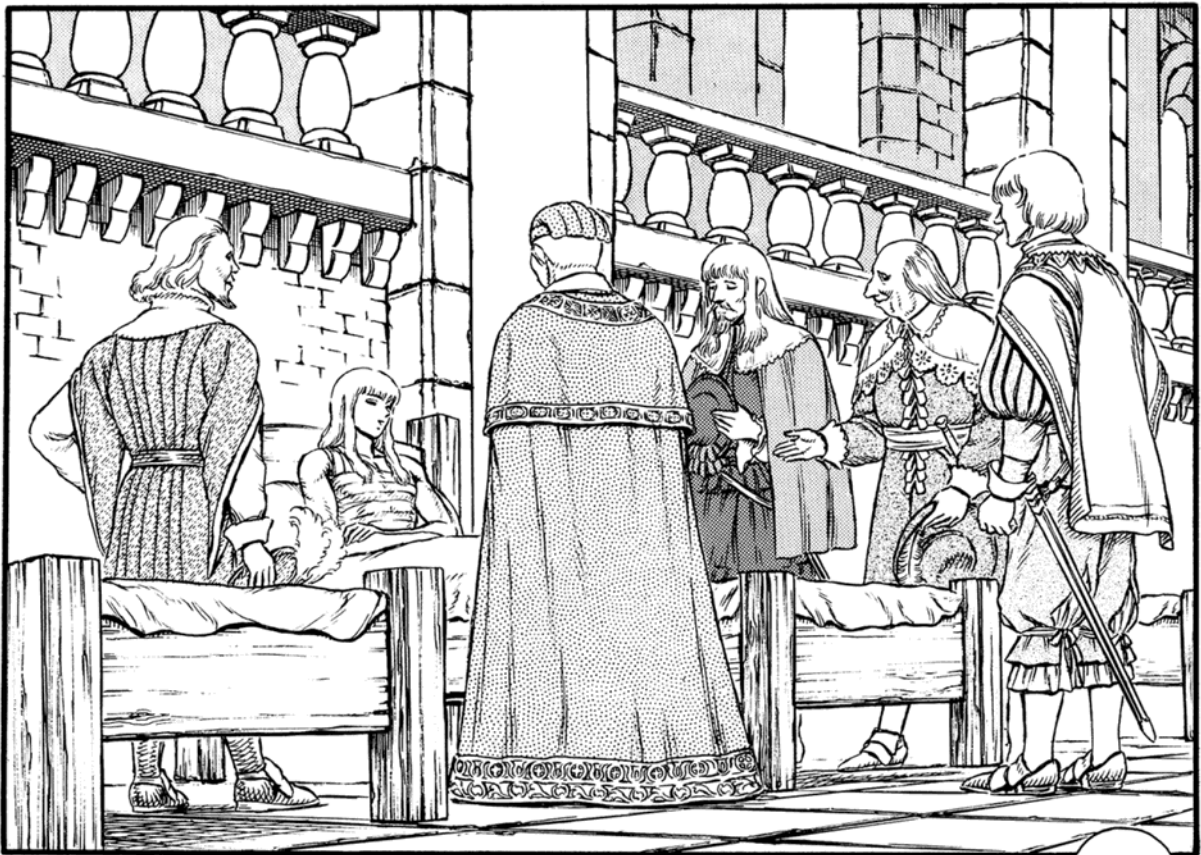
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"THESE DAYS GRIFFITH'S ALL WINS AND NO LOSSES. IN FACT, HE'S HEAD OF THE MIGHTIEST ARMED FORCE IN MIDLAND..."

"WELL, GUESS IT'S ONLY NATURAL."

...DIGNITARIES FROM THE ROYAL COURT.

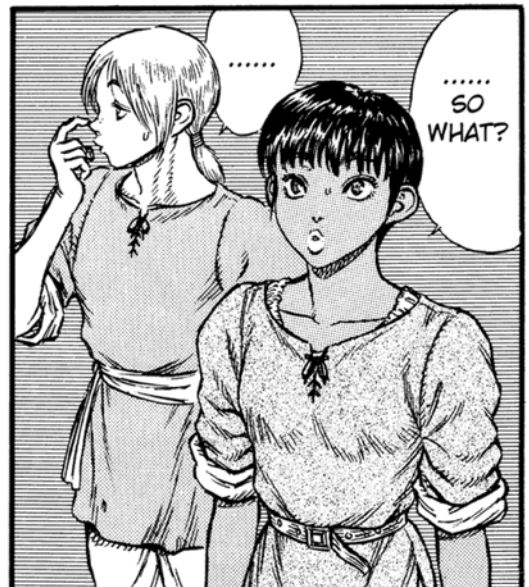
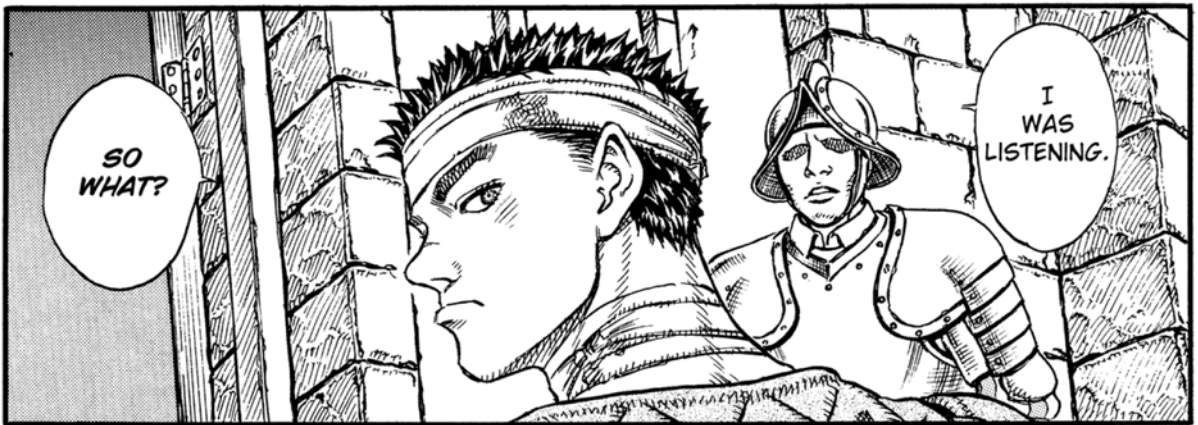
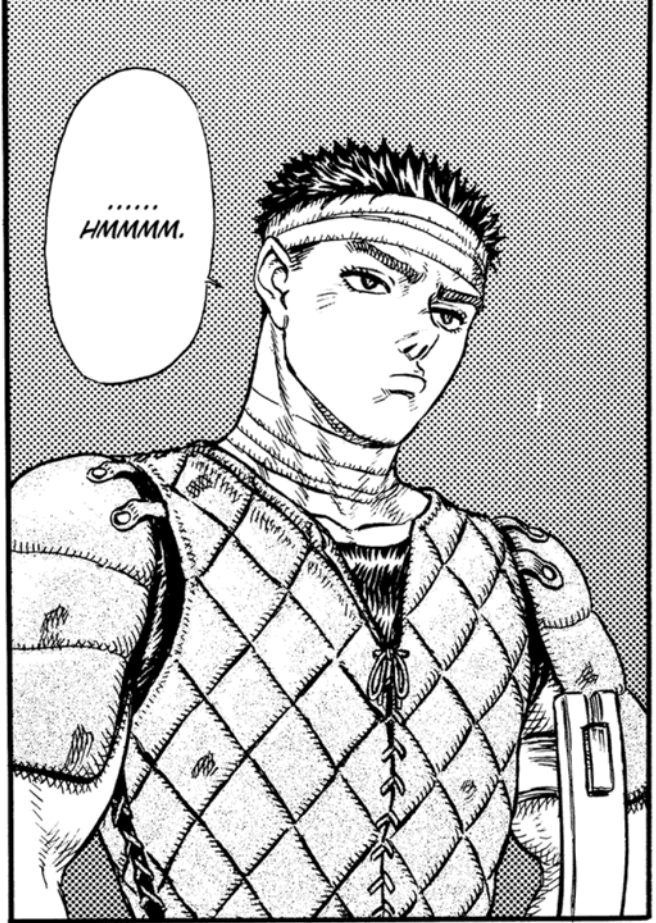
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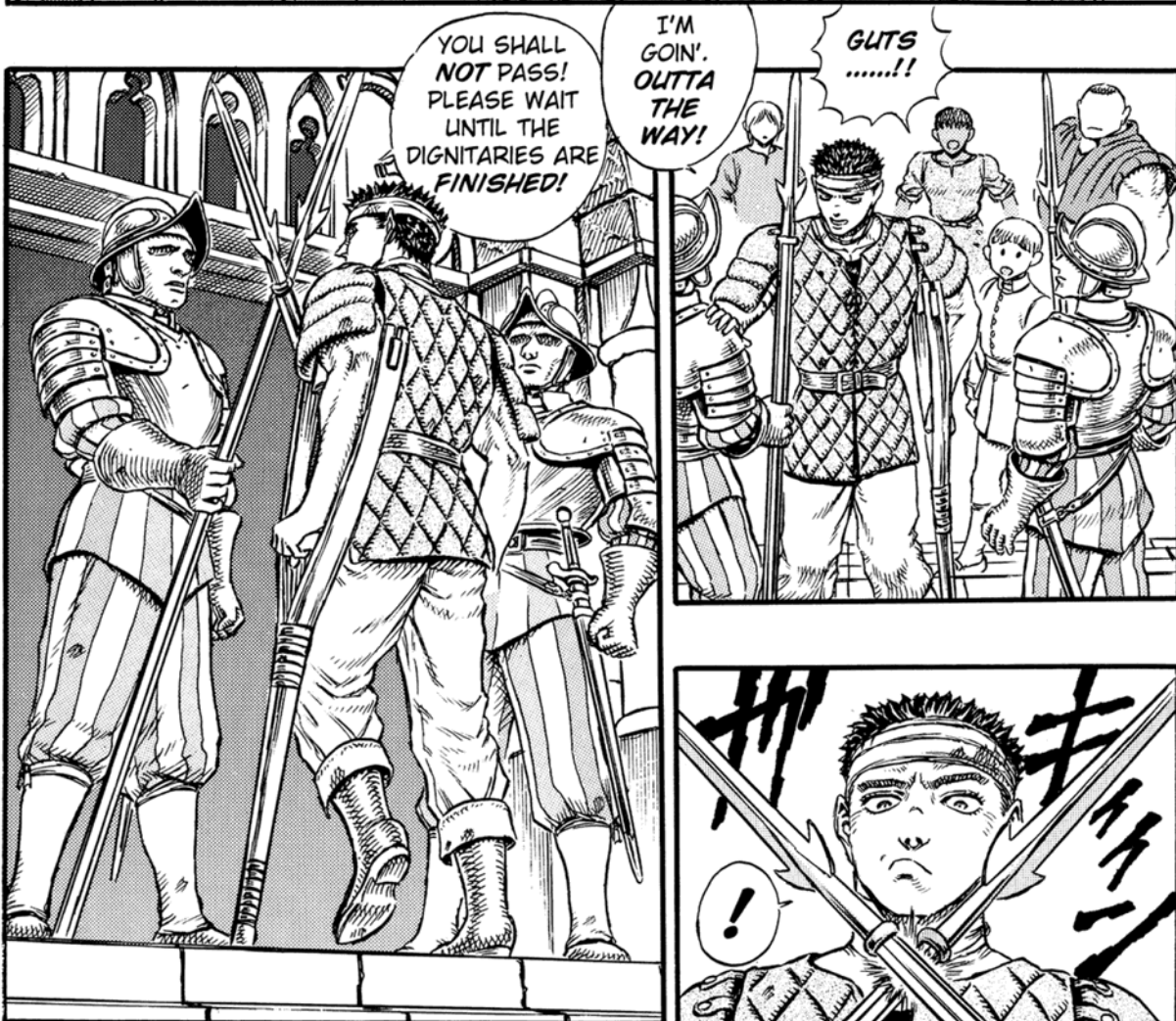
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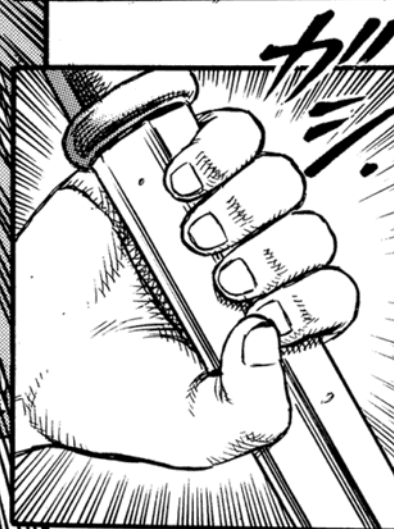
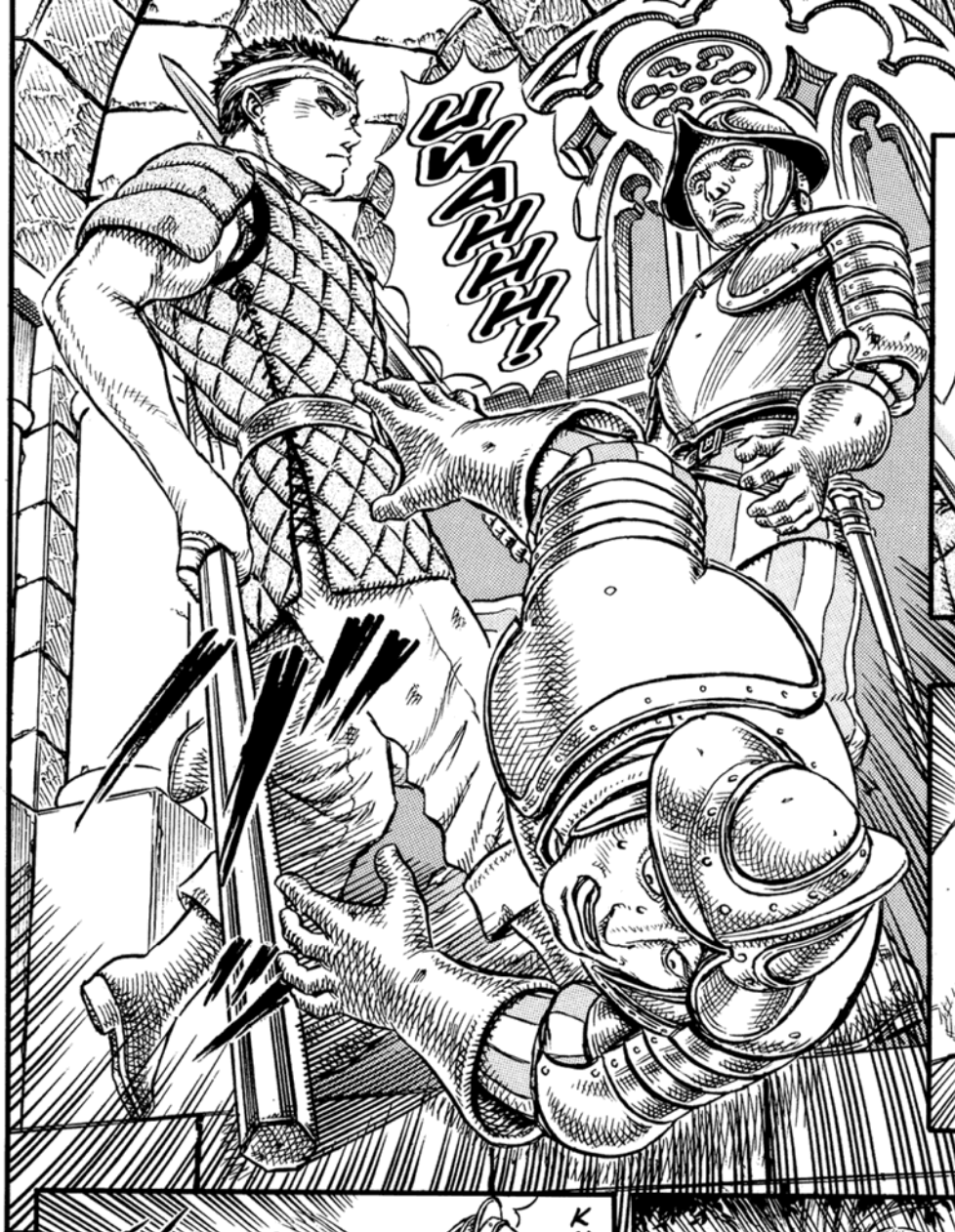
"THERE ARE STATESMEN WHO SEE GRIFFITH AS JUST AN ANNOYING, UPSTART COMMONER..."

"THE WORLD'S AS KIND AS IT IS CRUEL, Y'KNOW?"

"BUT THERE ARE ALSO SOME LIKE THEM WHO THINK IF THEY STAKE A CLAIM ON HIM NOW, IT'LL PAY OFF DOWN THE ROAD."

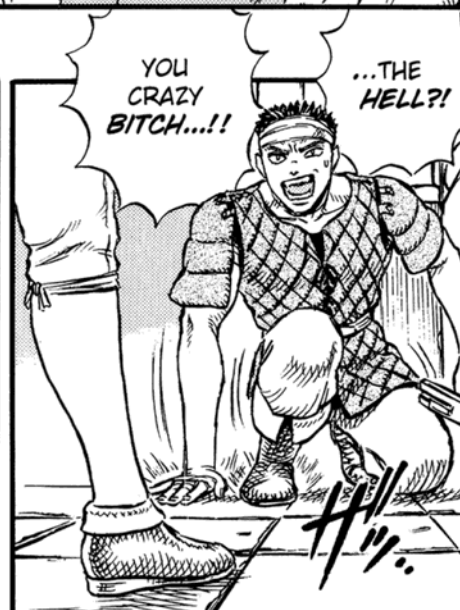
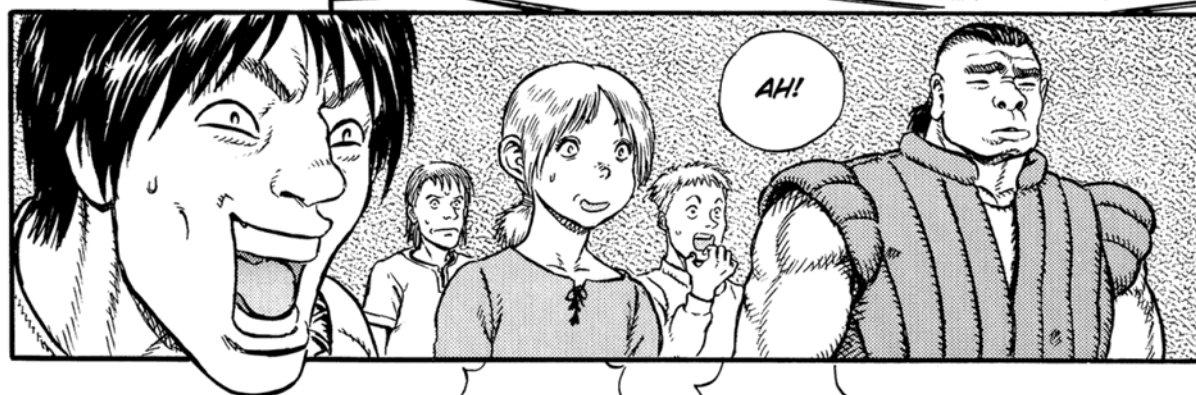


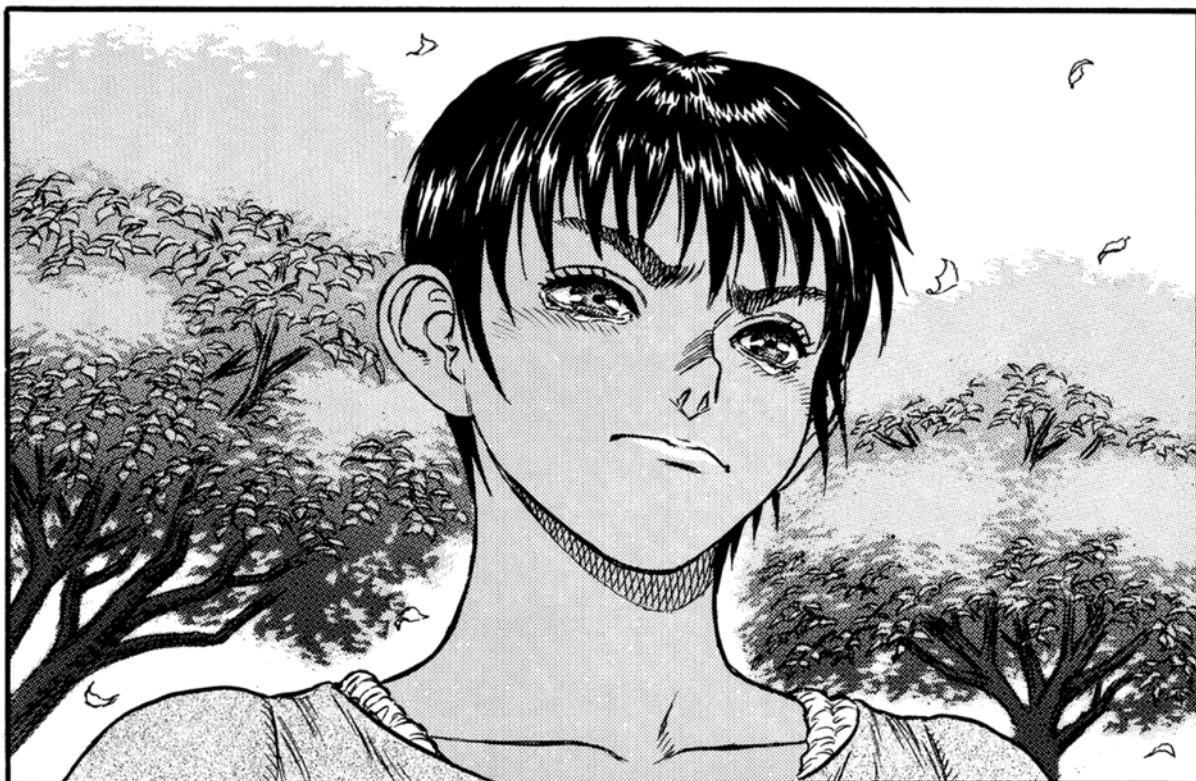


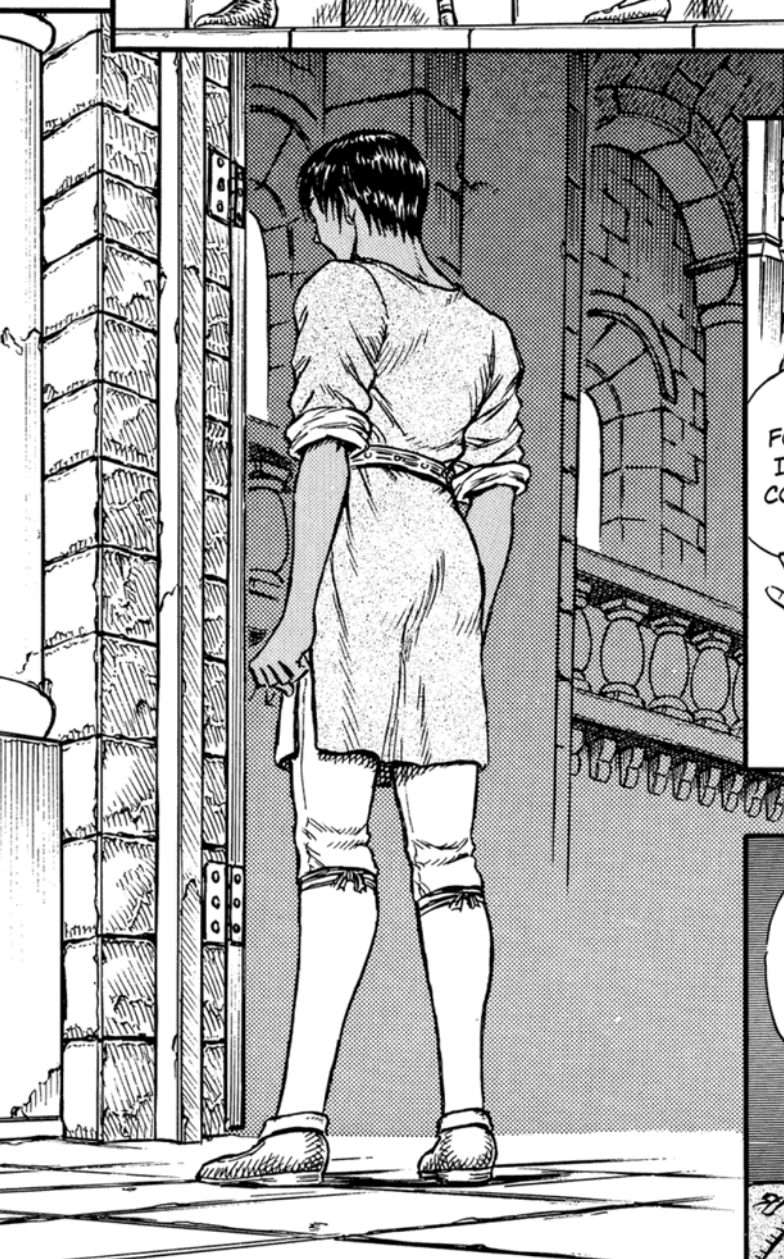
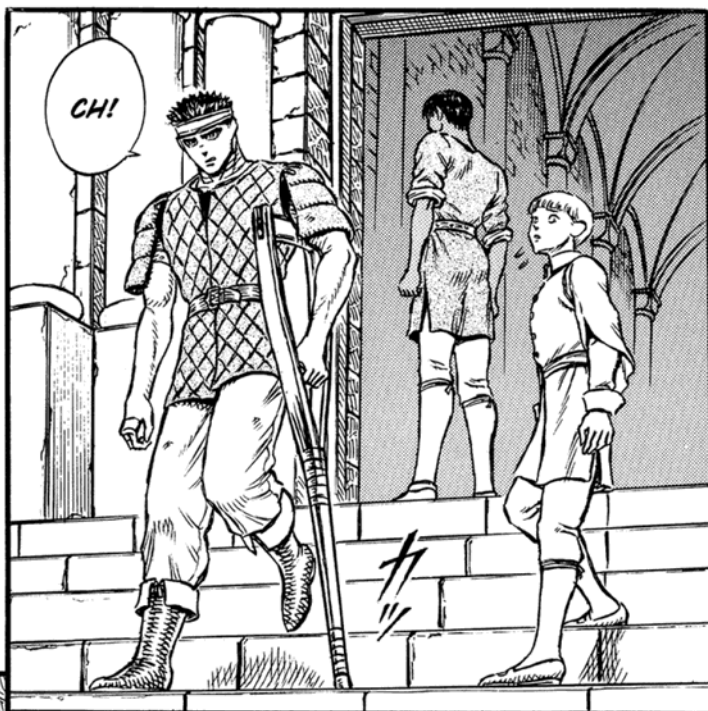


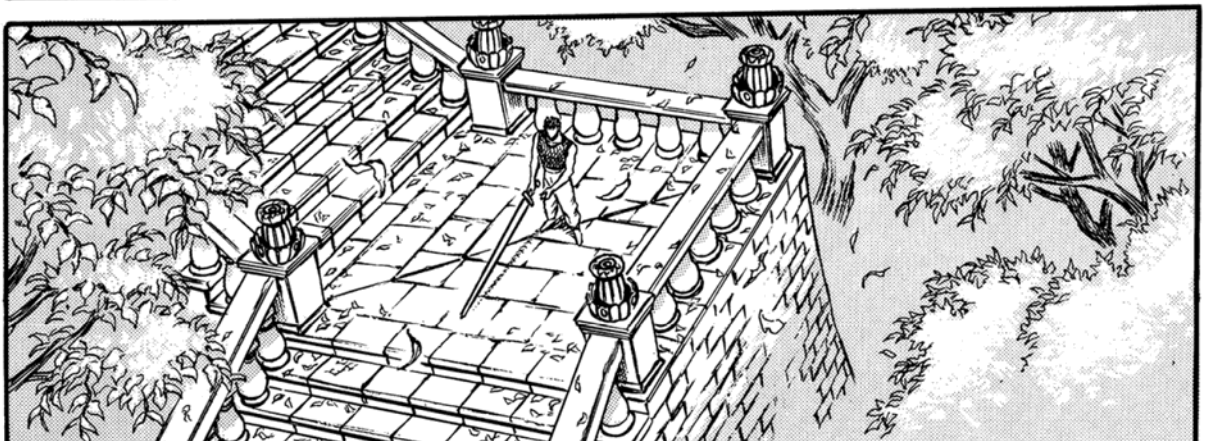
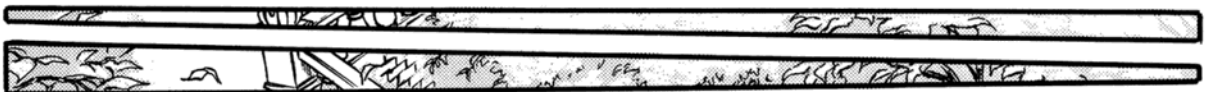
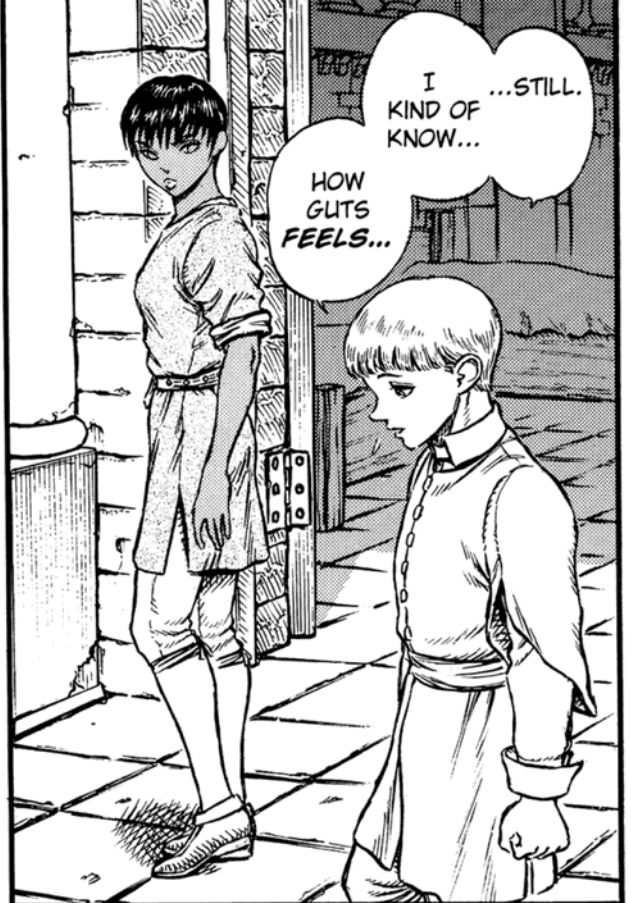
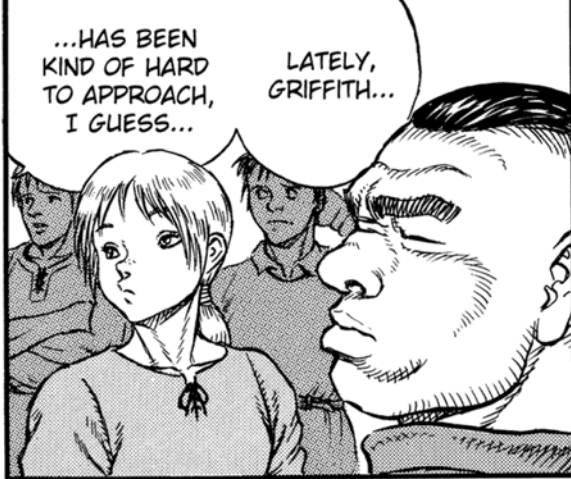


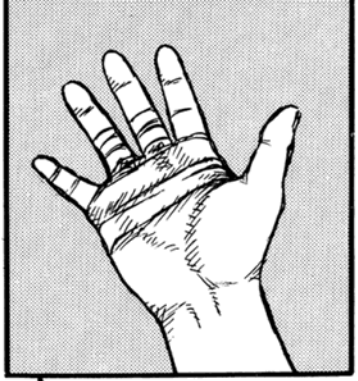








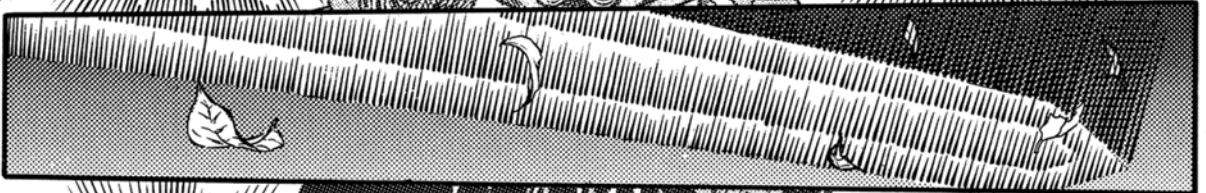






YOU DON'T
THINK ABOUT
YOUR
COMRADES
ONE BIT.....
YOU'RE JUST A
MAD DOG!!

YOU'RE
SATISFIED AS
LONG AS YOU
JUST GET TO
CROSS SWORDS
WITH THE
ENEMY!!



...HAVE
TO BE
THIS
WAY.....?

WHY
DO YOU
ALWAYS
...



**IT'S
YOUR
FAULT!!!**







GRIFFITH.



!

DON'T GET ANGRY.



.....

I HEARD YOU CAME TO SEE ME WITH EVERYONE ELSE...

SORRY ABOUT YESTER-DAY.

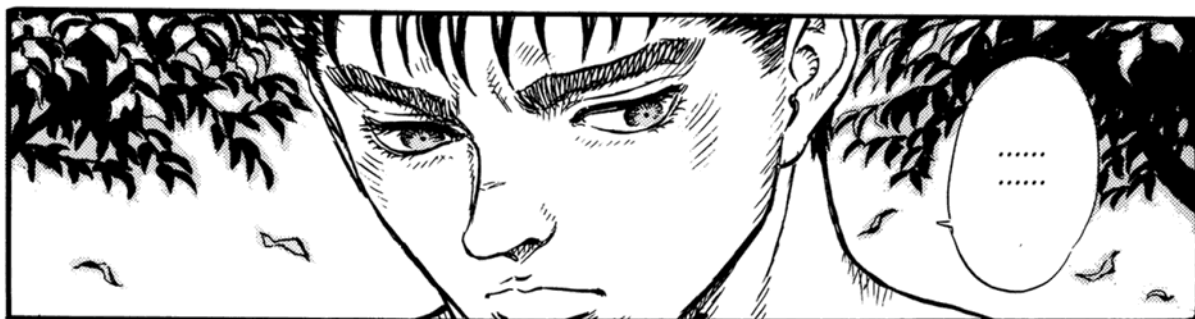
EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE WOUNDED **SO MUCH WORSE** THAN I.....YOU REALLY ARE **TOUGH.**

YOU CAN SWING A SWORD ALREADY?



IT'S ENOUGH TO MAKE ME **SICK.**

...THOSE OFFICIALS ALL THINK THEY CAN GAIN FAVOR BY APPEARING TO CARE FOR A WOUNDED MAN DAY AFTER DAY...





OR
SOME-
THING...

...WHAT'RE
CALLED
GODS.

FOR
INSTANCE
...

BUT IF YOU LOOK
AT IT A DIFFERENT WAY,
IT MIGHT BE PROOF
THAT THERE'S SOME
HUGE **SOMETHING**
BEYOND HUMAN
UNDERSTANDING
IN THIS WORLD.



...
DEVILS?

DON'TCHA
MEAN...



BY THE
WAY, HOW'D
I MAKE
IT OUT OF
THAT? I
MEAN, I
PASSED
OUT
PARTWAY
THROUGH
...

.....

AREN'T
THEY
THE
**SAME
THING?**

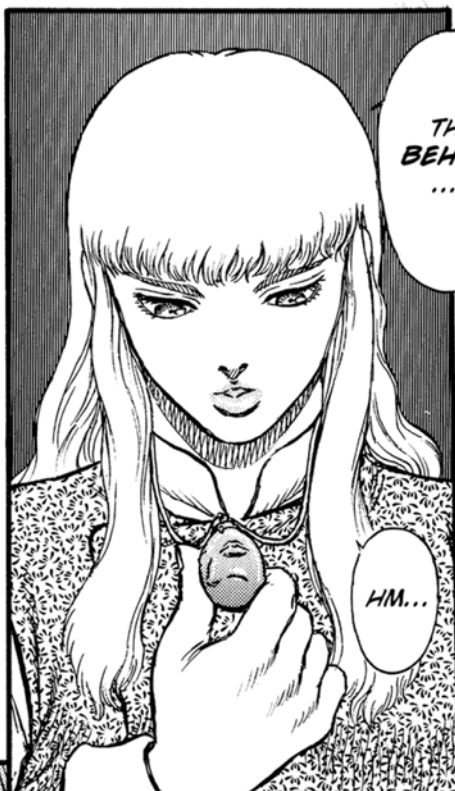
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WHO
KNOWS?



FOR SOME
REASON, HE
FLEW OFF
WHEN HE
SAW
THAT.

THAT
THING
YOU
WEAR
AROUND
YOUR
NECK.



THE
BEHELIT

HM...



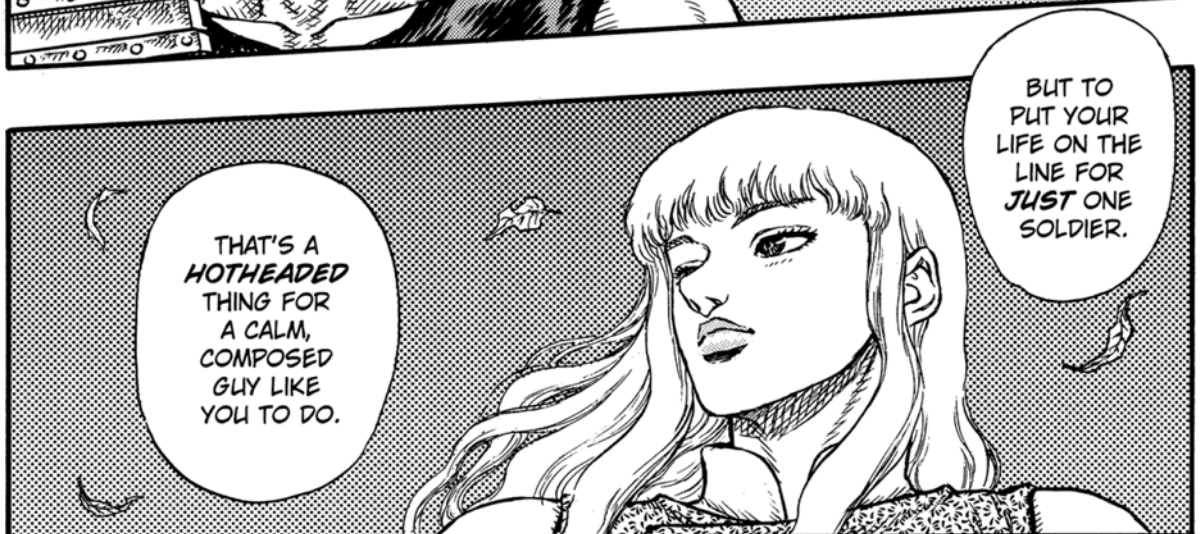
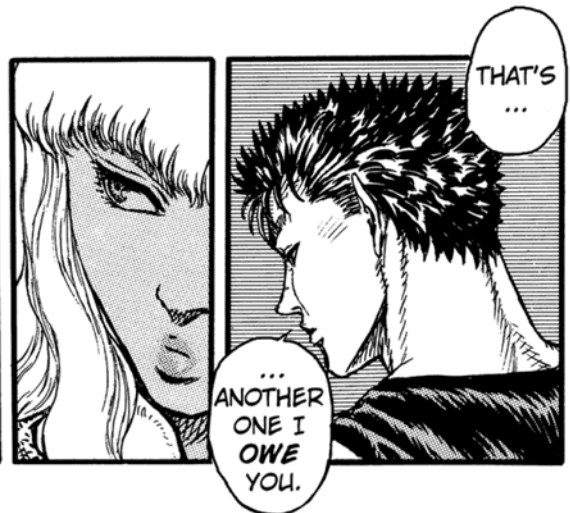
THEN
TAKE HEED...
WHEN HIS
AMBITION
COLLAPSES...

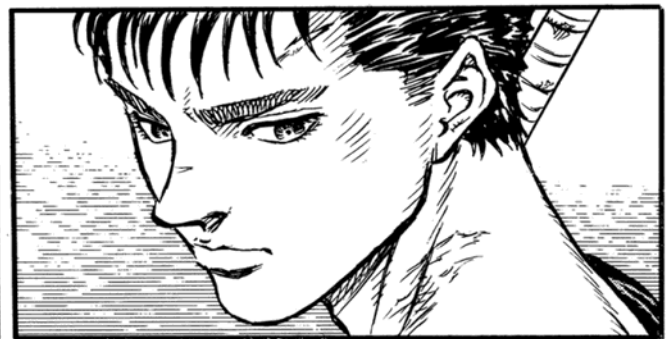
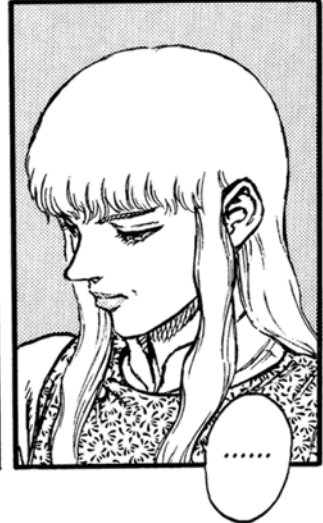
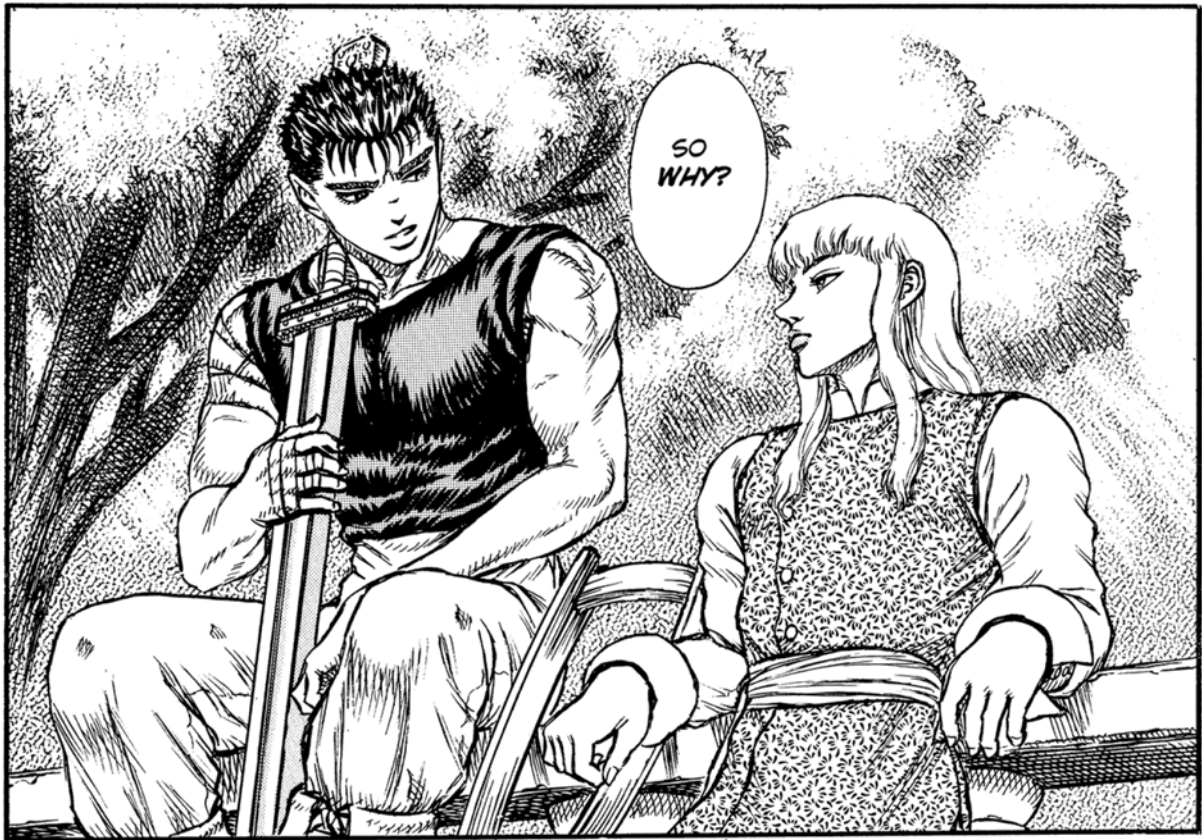
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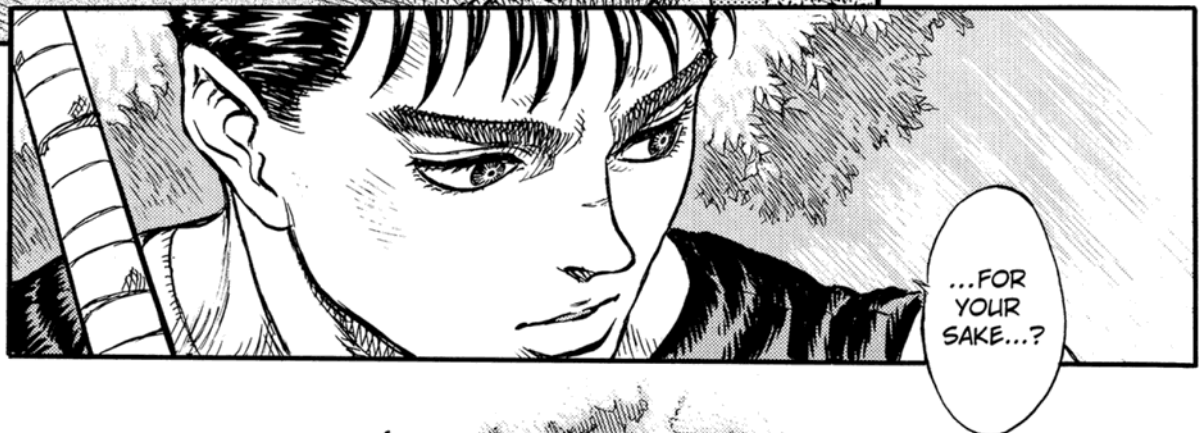
...DEATH WILL
PAY YOU A VISIT!!
A DEATH YOU CAN
NEVER ESCAPE!!



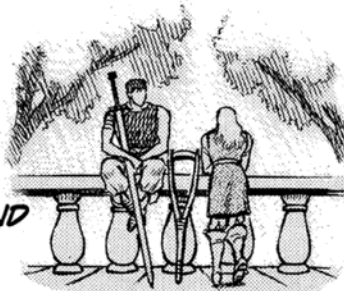
ZODD
KNEW
WHAT
THAT
THING
WAS...







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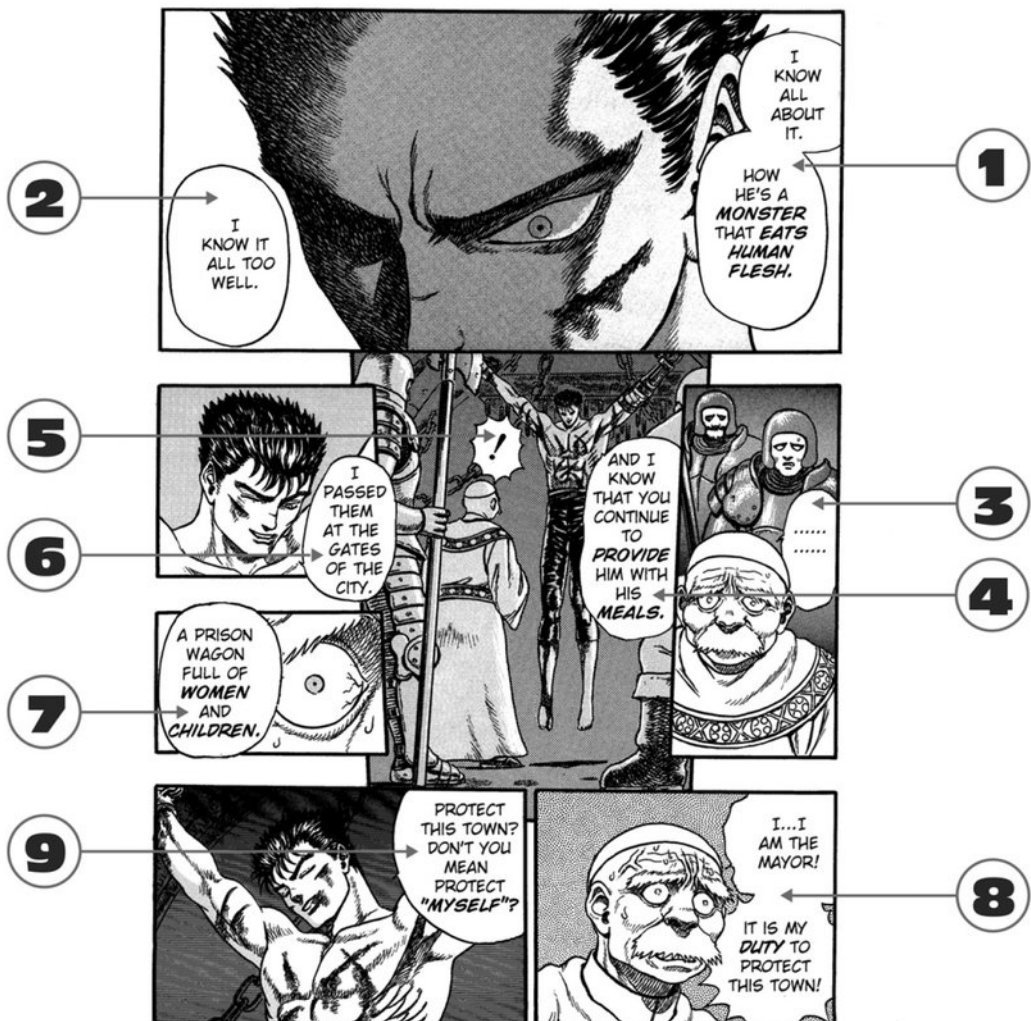
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! STOP

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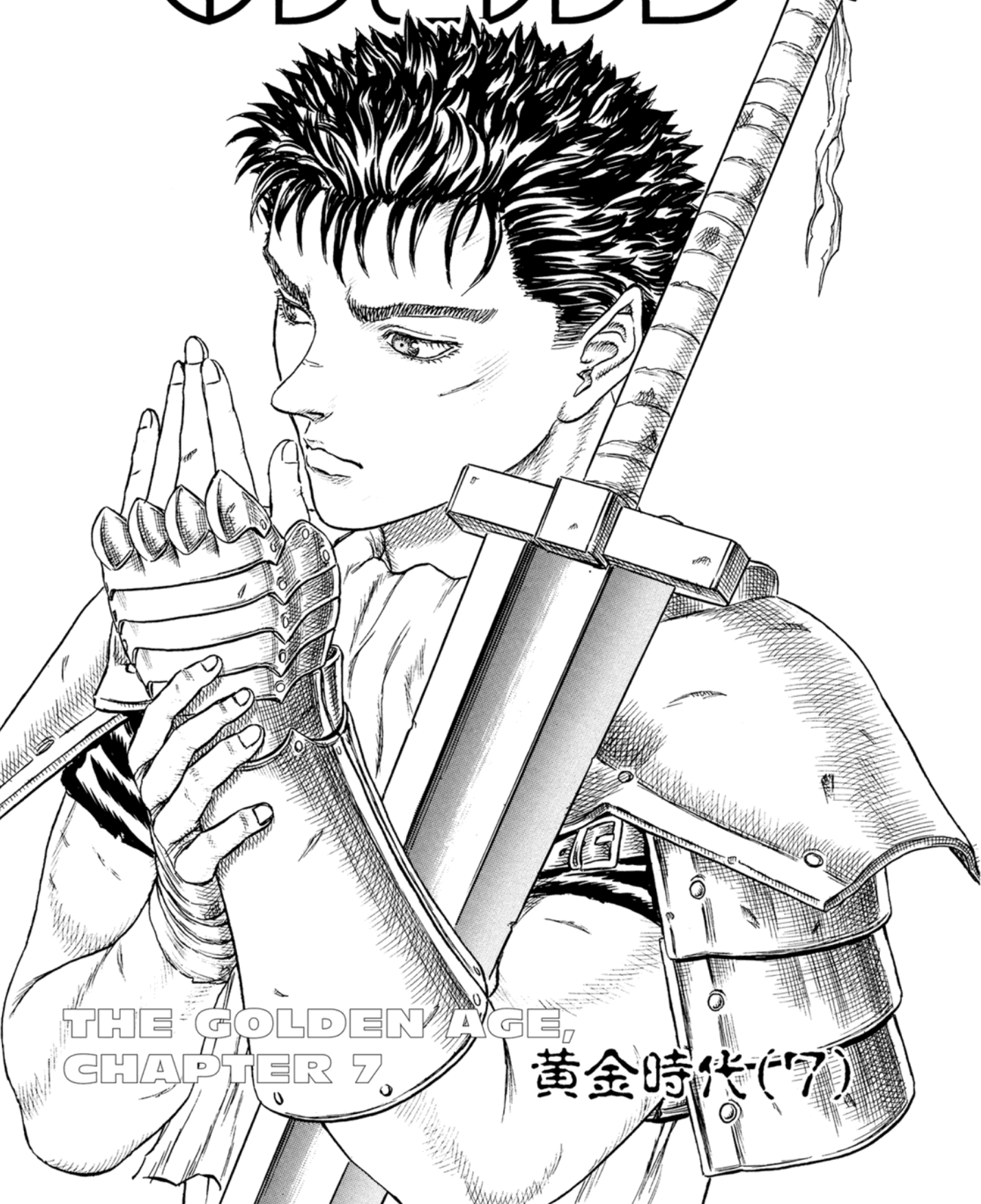
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